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INCITEMENT

THE odds are that if you asked most people who young Mr. Prinsip was, they would be unable to tell you. Yet he is the most famous or infamous young man in history.

You can search through a dozen history books without finding his name, yet every modern history book mentions him. He was singled out by destiny from among millions of young students, to achieve dubious immortality.

He was a young Serbian pursuing his studies. Had he been left alone, the chances are that he would have passed his examinations and entered into some profession, and today, at sixty years of age, he might have been an unknown happily retired professional man.

But he was not left alone. For some reason someone, unknown to us, singled him out as "the right type." Probably he was a very patriotic boy with more than the usual touch of youthful idealism about him.

A Revolver
SO they took him away from his classes, and for pens and pencils they substituted a revolver. And instead of the usual class-room chemistry, they taught him how to mix explosives and make home-made bombs.

Then, one June day in the year 1914, they smuggled him across the border into Bosnia, then a province of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and they showed him where to wait in a certain street in Sarajevo.

A little later a carriage came along and young Prinsip stealthily drew his revolver and fired. His lesson was well learned. He did not miss and the man in the carriage slumped forward and died.

Young Prinsip had done well. No shot fired in all history had such dire effects. Before its reverberations had died away, millions of young men were stretched in death upon the battlefields of Europe.

Young Prinsip was too young to go to war, too young even to hang. He died in prison, so they say.

Caused War
HIS action was the immediate cause of the first world war, yet scarcely anyone knows of him. No tablet or roll of honour enshrines his name; no pilgrimages are made to his birthplace.

Yet what we want to ask is, "How did Prinsip get like that?" It was not his own idea. He did not buy the revolver. He did not teach himself to shoot. He had no personal hatred for the Archduke of Austria. He was taught all that.

Today, for every Prinsip of 1914, we have a thousand excited raving hot-headed students, whose zeal for violence is exceeded only by their ignorance of history.

But, just as we should like to know who were the tutors of Prinsip, so we should like to ask who were the men behind this unfortunate youth seen in the accompanying photograph. What did they do to turn him from a decent youth into a frenzied hot-head? What is the aim of these men who hide in the shadow of these misguided schoolchildren? Are they merely merchants of death? Or are they power-crazed politicians who sacrifice the idealism of youth on the altar of a politician's vanity?

SOEKARNO REPORTED UNDER ARREST

Triumvirate Now In Power In Djakarta

The Hague, Dec. 12. The Netherlands Radio tonight interrupted its programme to broadcast a "message received from a private source at Djakarta" that President Soekarno was a prisoner of the Indonesian Army.

The Radio added that a triumvirate consisting of the Prime Minister, Dr Djuanda; a former Vice-President, Mr Mohammed Hatta, and the Chief-of-Staff, General Nasution, had taken over the government.

The Radio said that Dr Djuanda had "advised" President Soekarno to go abroad. This would, in fact, amount to seeking asylum the announcer said.

Prisoner Of Army

After President Soekarno's return from Surabaya—where he gave a short speech yesterday—he had been "virtually a prisoner of the Army" the message from the private source said.

It reported Soekarno would depart shortly for India which would in fact mean that he gets asylum there. There was very brisk activity in non-official trade circles at the Amsterdam Stock Market this afternoon, following a spate of non-confirmed rumours concerning the situation in Indonesia.

Rumours Circulated

Rumours being freely circulated in these circles were:

- ★ President Soekarno had fled abroad.
- ★ The island of Sumatra had detached itself from Djakarta and had declared itself independent.
- ★ An anti-Communist triumvirate had been set up in Java.

Indonesian shares, which had hitherto been depressed, gained from seven to eight points reaching 93 against the official closing quotation of 85½ yesterday.

Vernigde Deli, which had dropped earlier, rose from 56 to 63 and Amsterdam Rubber advances from 40½ to 48½.—All Agencies.

THREAT TO BLOW UP CONSULATE

New York, Dec. 12. Telephone callers identifying themselves as members of the "Dutch underground" threatened nine times today to blow up the Indonesian Consulate here, consular sources said.

The Indonesian Embassy in Ottawa received similar threat on Saturday. The Indonesian spokesman said, and the UN Office of Indonesia's Antara

News Agency also has been threatened.

The telephone caller to Antara did not make it clear whether he was threatening to bomb the UN building or merely the Indonesian Agency Office.

Today's calls to the Consulate appear to have been placed by at least two persons. The Consular spokesman said two calls appeared to have been made by one person and the other seven by another.—United Press.

Demonstration By Students

Paris, Dec. 12. More than one thousand Paris students marched in the pouring rain through the student "Latin Quarter" of Paris today, demonstrating for an increase in government credits for education.

The students marched through the streets of this old quarter of the city carrying banners and shouting slogans. The demonstration was calm and the police did not interfere.—France-Press.

Explosion

Athens, Dec. 13. An explosion followed by fire shook the premises of the United States Information Service in central Athens early today.—Reuter.

Ingrid To Spend Christmas With Rossellini

Rome, Dec. 12. Ingrid Bergman's lawyer, Ercole Grazzini, tonight confirmed reports that Ingrid Bergman and Roberto Rossellini, who recently separated, would spend Christmas together in Rome with three children, according to the Italian news agency Ansa.

The agency quoted Signor Grazzini as saying there had been no further developments concerning their final separation.

"I have never been present at such cordial talks between a husband and wife who were separated," the lawyer said.—Reuter.

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MONDAY'S CHINA MAIL



Demonstrator Arrested



Two well-armed military policemen marching off a demonstrator — during the riots in Nicosia on Monday. — Keystone.

FOUR KILLED IN AIR CRASH

Manila, Dec. 13.

A civilian-owned Cessna plane crashed in Aklan Province on Thursday killing all four men aboard.

The crash, the third in as many days, brought the air casualty toll to 15 dead and 10 injured four days before the 10th annual observance of Philippine Aviation Week.

A US Air Force helicopter sliced the wreckage of a Philippine Air Force transport plane which crashed near Laur, Nueva Ecija Province. One of the nine passengers survived.

OVERSHOT

A Philippine Air Lines "Otter" plane crashed on Wednesday shortly after take-off in Ozamis City, killing two and injuring ten.

Another plane mishap was reported yesterday when a PAF trainer plane overshot the runway in Balor Town, Quezon Province, but the pilot escaped unhurt.

Civil Aeronautics Administration officials were investigating the crashes. The PAF Commander, Brig-General Pedro Molina, said the weather throughout the Philippines during this time was usually "tricky" and this probably explained the chain of mishaps.

USAF Plane Crashes

Tokyo, Dec. 13.

Japanese police today reported two United States servicemen were killed when a United States Air Force C-46 crashed into a mountain near Hachioji, north of Tokyo.

A Police spokesman said Japanese police and firemen rushed to the scene of the crash to render aid but only found the dead bodies of the servicemen.

The spokesman added a preliminary investigation showed the aircraft hit a high, treacherable strung across the mountain.—Reuter.

B's LETTER TO M Deep Concern Over Missile Bases

London, Dec. 12. Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin "quite frankly" warned Britain in a note published today of the "extremely dangerous policy" of establishing missile bases aimed at Russia.

The 3,000-word personal letter from Bulganin to British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan was part of a "massive barrage" directed at all members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation before their important summit meeting in Paris next week.

It was similar in wording of the letter Bulganin sent to President Eisenhower.

SPECIFIC WARNINGS

But Bulganin also had specific warnings for Britain which soon hopes to obtain American intermediate ballistic missiles and which at present provides bases for nuclear-armed bombers of the US Strategic Air Force.

Bulganin's letter was peppered with expression of Moscow's "deep concern" at NATO plans to increase its military posture in the face of Soviet scientific advances.

As a "solution" to the present East-West missile and arms race Bulganin reiterated Soviet suggestions for the creation of a "Neutral" zone in Central Europe, including both Germany, more contact between the opposing statesmen of both sides and a disarmament agreement on Moscow's terms.—United Press.

B's LETTER TO G LET'S BE GOOD FRIENDS

Paris, Dec. 12. Soviet Premier, Nikolai Bulganin, has urged France, in next week's Atlantic Pact summit meeting, to make proposals designed to ease international tension. It was learned tonight.

Bulganin assured France the Soviet Union was "prepared to support" her in such an effort.

In a letter to French Premier, Felix Gaillard, Bulganin said: "Why should France not take, in the spirit of the May 10, 1956, Franco-Soviet declaration, the initiative in NATO for a proposal designed to ease tension and to make possible greater peaceful co-operation among states. The Soviet Union is prepared to support her to that end."

PREPARATIONS

At the same time, Bulganin warned France against recent Anglo-American moves, which the Soviet Premier described as war preparations.

In a final portion of his message, Bulganin said there was no real conflict of interest between France and the Soviet Union.

He urged the restoration of Franco-Soviet friendship and increased trade and cultural, scientific and technical exchanges between the two countries.

Bulganin advocated personal contacts between statesmen of the two countries.—France-Press.

He Mingles And Talks To The People

FOOT GOES FOR A WALK ALONG 'MURDER MILE'

Nicosia, Dec. 12. Cypriots in all walks of life stood and cheered in the heart of crowded Nicosia today when the new Governor, Sir Hugh Foot, walked with a minimum escort along streets where communal clashes occurred two days ago.

Greek Cypriot women sitting in a bus extended a hand to the Governor and Cypriot girls from a balcony returned his wave. Other Cypriots were heard muttering "he is not afraid. He must be a good man."

In the streets of what has become known as the notorious "Murder Mile." There was spontaneous clapping and cheering, plus a shout or two of "welcome," as the crowd realised the man walking smilingly along the street was the new Governor.

Here and there Greek Cypriots stopped to complain to Sir Hugh about damage caused to their property by Turkish rioters on Tuesday. He told them he would bear their complaints in mind.

He then went to a pastry shop and ate several "Lokmadhes"—pastry puffs cooked in fat and sugared liberally.

NO HOSTILITY

He also talked to pedestrians and cyclists as the following crowd of onlookers kept growing bigger.

At one point a military patrol was seen approaching towards the Governor's route. Sir Hugh requested that the patrol should be diverted so that no impression of a "protected" visit should be attached to his tour.

One man came forward, shook hands with the Governor and said: "We want union with Greece."

The Governor replied: "I want to hear what everyone wants," and continued his tour. There was no hostility among the crowds who were taken by surprise at the Governor's bold move.—Reuter.

NEW WORLD AIR SPEED RECORD

Los Angeles, Dec. 12. A US Voodoo fighter bomber set a new world air speed record of 1,207.5 miles an hour today.

This official average speed of two passes over a measured course bettered the old British-held record of 1,132 miles an hour set up on March 10, 1956, in a Fairly Delta research plane.

The twin jet Air Force F-101, a Voodoo built by McDonnell

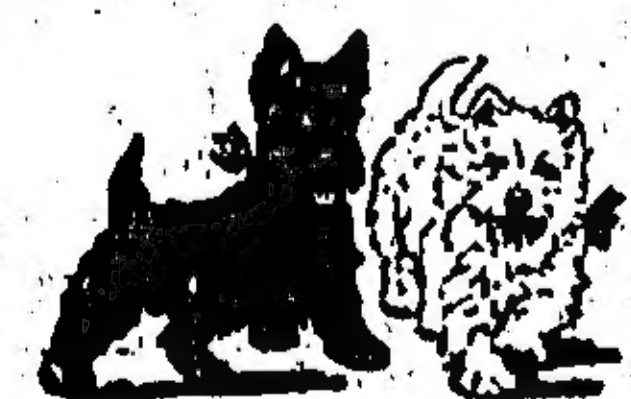
Aircraft, was flown by Major Adrian Brew on his second attempt this week.

Last Tuesday he improved the British record set by Mr Peter Twiss but his speed did not qualify as a record because of a photographic failure.

Major Brew set the new record during an early morning flight over Edwards Air Force Base in the Mojave Desert of California.—Reuter.

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GHANA TRADE MISSION FOR HONGKONG

Accra, Dec. 12. The Government of Ghana, newest member of the British Commonwealth, announced tonight that it had decided to send a trade and goodwill mission to overseas countries—Communist and non-Communist—during the next six months for the purpose of establishing friendly international relations.

One of the missions will go to Japan, China and Hongkong. The Ministry of Trade, in a communique said the objects of these missions will be firstly to carry a message of goodwill from the Government and people of Ghana to the countries visited. Secondly, to explore the possibilities of promoting friendly trade relations between Ghana and these countries and in particular to examine their needs in primary products which can be produced in Ghana.

Thirdly, to explore the prospects of attracting foreign investment from such countries for development of new industries in Ghana. Fourthly, to study new trade links and opportunities for Ghana.

Each mission will consist of four members and will include a cabinet minister who will be the leader, a member of parliament, an official from the Ministry of Trade and one other member. The missions will be sent to Japan, China, Hongkong, India, Ceylon, Malaya, and the Philippines.

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THE BATTLE AT SIDI IFNI MOROCCAN REBELS

US Labour Confederation Expels Two More Unions

Atlantic City, Dec. 12. America's biggest Labour confederation, the AFL-CIO, today voluntarily trimmed its membership to 13,500,000 by expelling two more unions which refused to purge their leadership of corrupt elements.

The confederation, a merger of the American Federation of Labour and the Congress of Industrial Organizations, expelled the 132,000-member Bakery Workers Union and the Laundry Workers Union.

TEAMSTERS

Earlier, the AFL-CIO, which is holding a congress here, expelled the powerful Teamsters Union for similar reasons. The AFL-United Textile Workers Union agreed to purge itself and will remain in the confederation, which numbered 16 million when it was merged in 1955.

Confederation President, George Meany, announced the AFL-CIO Textile Workers Union had agreed to merge. — France-Press.

FIVE YEARS FOR RAPE OF GIRL

Penang, Dec. 12. Australian soldier W. J. Wilson, 24, of the 105th Field Battery, Royal Australian Artillery, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment today when he pleaded guilty to a charge of raping a 19-year-old Chinese girl.

The girl told the court that on the afternoon of July 29 she accepted a lift in an army truck driven by Wilson, but that instead of taking her home he drove her to a lonely spot, struck her with a hammer and screwdriver and raped her.

A shopkeeper found the badly-wounded girl and took her to the police hospital.

A second charge of attempted murder against Wilson, whose home is in Sydney, was withdrawn by the prosecutor. — United Press.

Mayor Steps Into New York's Subway Strike

New York, Dec. 12. Mayor Robert F. Wagner stepped into the transit dispute today in an attempt to end the worst subway strike in New York's history.

Mr Wagner met New York Transit Authority commissioners and then promised striking motormen that they would not be dismissed if they returned to work promptly. It was the first time Mayor Wagner had intervened personally in the four-day-old walkout that has paralysed the city.

Mayor Wagner's entrance into the dispute brought an end to Transit Authority threats of mass dismissals that had angered the strikers.

REFEREE

Mr Wagner said the commissioners had "agreed that they will accept an impartial referee designated by me to hear all charges against employees involved in the strike and to give appropriate consideration to the recommendation of that referee."

Meanwhile, leaders of a striking Subway Motormen's Union that has disrupted New York's vast transit system for four days called a mass meeting of Union members for tonight and hinted they might consider proposals for ending the walkout.

Police reported that the families of two strike leaders have moved out of their homes temporarily because of anonymous telephone threats.

Frank Zelano, Executive Secretary of the strike

BRANDO TO SEEK DIVORCE?

Hollywood, Dec. 12. Film star Marlon Brando today refused to deny or confirm reports that he was already separated from his new bride, Anna Kashfi.

Hollywood rumour was that Brando, married on October 11, was already on the point of seeking a divorce from his pretty 23-year-old wife, who is expecting a baby towards the middle of next year. Reportedly, the divorce is to be pronounced after this event.

But Miss Kashfi today denied reports that they were considering a separation. Miss Kashfi claimed to be Indian, but a Welsh worker, Patrick O'Callaghan said he was the young woman's father. He said that Anna was indeed born in Darjeeling, but of British parents. She claimed that O'Callaghan was her mother's second husband, and that her real father was Indian. — France-Press.

Glamorous Blonde Inspected The Guard At Midnight

Plymouth, Dec. 13. The guard at a barracks here were ordered to turn out at midnight — and found themselves being inspected by a glamorous blonde.

Three young subalterns of the First Battalion Somerset Light Infantry, all in civilian clothes, had brought the blonde back to Sexton Barracks after a gay party.

One of the officers ordered the guard commander to put his bugle and rifle on parade. The men stood to attention in two immaculately-dressed ranks and waited for the inspecting officer.

"JOLLY GOOD"

Not a muscle twitched among the soldiers as the blonde reviewed the troops and murmured: "Jolly good show—they look very smart!" to a companion. But later tongues began to wag and the three

officers were arrested, according to reliable sources today.

The subalterns were released from arrest after a short time but will appear before their divisional commander, Major-General Peter Gresson, on Monday to answer for their prank.

Lieutenant Colonel V. S. Baily, the battalion commander, is quoted today as agreeing that the guard had been inspected by a woman. But he added:

"There was nothing disorderly about it. The inspection was carried out in a formal manner. The whole thing, however, was an absolute disgrace. It had to be reported to headquarters."

"That sort of thing is just not done—even as a prank." The commander denied a series of rumours about the incident. He said the blonde had not danced the can can in the guard-room and the party did not go on afterwards to the canteen and start a "skiffle group" with pots and pans.

The identity of the blonde could not be discovered today as an army spokesman said there was no question of her being asked to give evidence at Monday's inquiry. — China Mail Special.

Doctor's Error

Graz, Austria, Dec. 12. A 72-year-old pensioner, whose left leg was jammed under his truck after a collision here today, insisted that he was not in pain and did not need an injection. But the doctors insisted that he was in pain and he did need an injection. When he was freed they discovered why he was not in pain and did not need an injection. His smashed left leg was a wooden one. — China Mail Special.

Penny A Week

London, Dec. 12. A 72-year-old pensioner estranged from his wife for 28 years was ordered by a court to pay her one penny a week alimony yesterday. — United Press.



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Stage Is Set For Historic Conference

Leaders Of The West Fly To Paris

Interdependence Will Be Theme Of Nato Talks

Paris, Dec. 12. Mr Selwyn Lloyd, British Foreign Secretary, flew into Paris today as first of the participants in what he described as the historically important "summit" conference next Monday of the 15-nation Atlantic Alliance.

The conference, first to be held at heads of government level in the pact's eight years of existence, will be devoted to the theme of the interdependence of the nations making up the Western world in the face of the threat from world Communism.

In Washington, the White House announced today that President Eisenhower would leave the U.S. at about 1200 GMT tomorrow on his flight to Paris for the talks.

Final arrangements for the President's flight aboard his personal plane, the Columbine Third, will be disclosed tomorrow.

Mr John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State, who is now over the Atlantic is due here tomorrow morning.

Considerable last-minute preparations still remained to be done before the conference opens.

The stage is expected to be finally set for the conference during informal meetings over the weekend of individual heads of government, notably President Eisenhower, Mr Harold Macmillan, British Prime Minister, Mr Felix Galliard, French Prime Minister, and Dr Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor.

Not Spectacular

Meanwhile Foreign Ministers will spend the three days before Monday in meetings of the 15-nation Council of Europe and the seven-nation Council of the Western European Union.

Indications tonight were that these meetings while carrying out valuable detailed work would not produce spectacular results.

Officials also forecast that the Nato meeting itself would be less spectacular than at one time commonly believed.

Its main task they said was to put up signposts for future concrete detailed arrangements.

On the big issues of East-West relations discussion will also place to an underdone of some

unofficial feeling recommending negotiations with the Soviet Union.

The Nato discussions were seen as falling under these main headings:

★ The concept of interdependence. The United States and Britain would like the other members of the Alliance to affirm their faith in the declaration of common purpose issued by President Eisenhower and Mr Macmillan in Washington last October.

★ One diplomat described the interdependence concept as a realization by all Nato members that the days were over in this space age when any one nation can "go it alone."

★ Principles governing the supply of tactical nuclear weapons to Nato members.

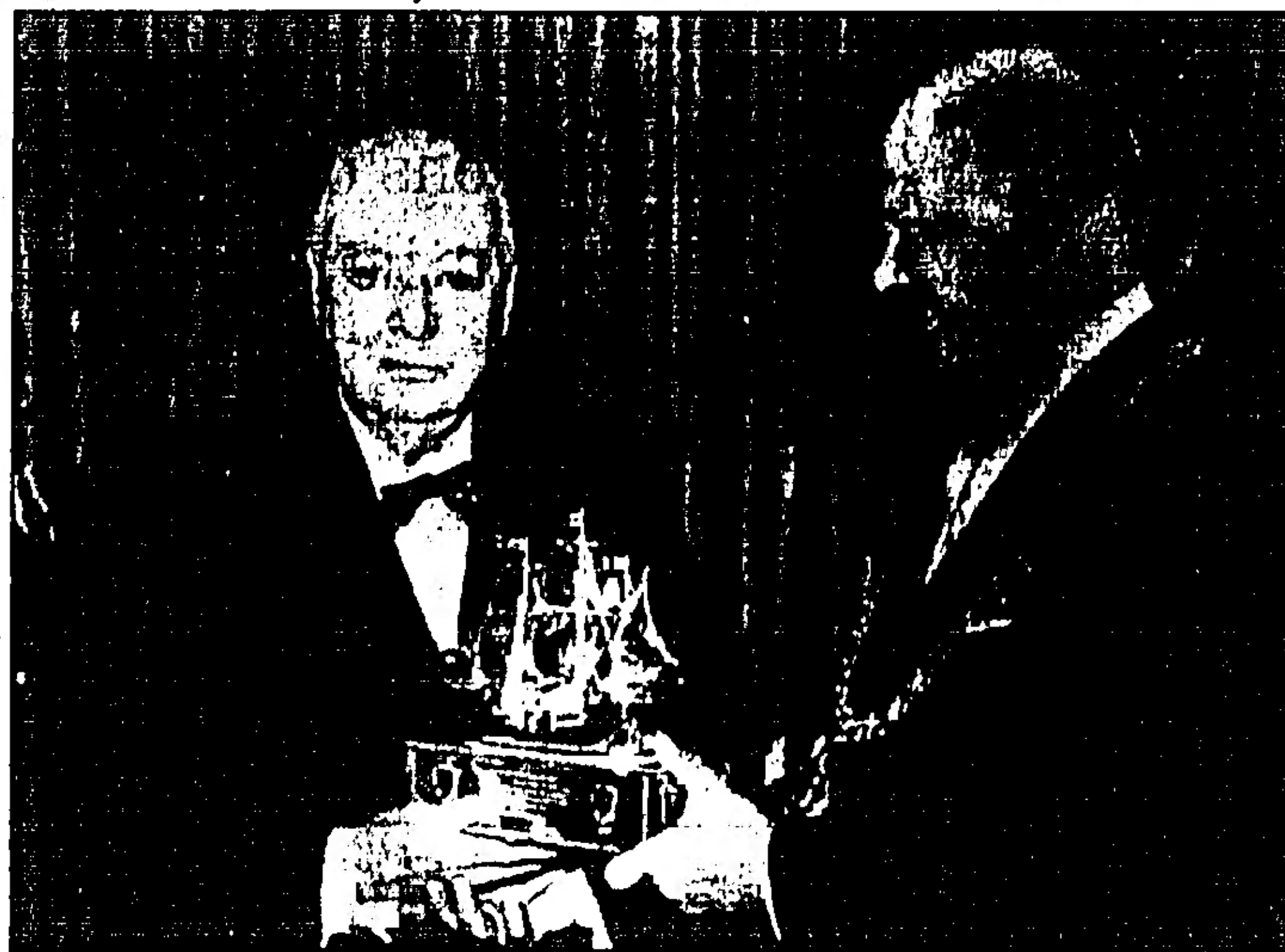
★ Britain has accepted the principle of receiving such weapons. Other nations are expected to take a different attitude in the conference next week.

Norway and Denmark are thought unlikely to accept. West Germany takes the view that the supply of nuclear weapons to her is not yet ripe for discussion.

★ Balanced forces. Attempts will be made to get all Nato members to accept the principle that for a country especially a small one it is now an uneconomic luxury to maintain fully balanced independent armed forces. Instead, there must be pooling of effort and also of the manufacture of certain types of equipment.

★ Pooling of manpower, particularly of scientific and technical training. The British are known to favour the institution of scholarships to train young scientists of Nato under the auspices of the Organization for European Economic Co-operation.—Reuter.

Freedom Of The City For Sir Winston



Sir Winston Churchill receives a golden casket containing a scroll presented to him with the freedom of Hastings. The ceremony, performed by Alderman F. T. Hussey of Hastings, took place recently at Sir Winston's home in Hyde Park Gate, — Keystone.

Aid For Woman Who Shot Her Husband

Franklin, Pennsylvania, Dec. 12. Residents in this northwestern Pennsylvania area rallied today to the aid of a young Filipino war bride who shot her Air Force husband to death because he wanted a divorce to marry an English girl.

The Filipino girl, Mrs Lydia Dean, 21, mother of a three-year-old daughter, is in Venango County Jail, charged with murder in the slaying of T/Sgt. Ronald Dean, 25. Efforts were being made to secure her release on bail.

"We do not condone or condemn Mrs Dean for what has happened," said the Rev. Bernard Weber, a Roman Catholic priest. "We regard her as a stranger in a strange land. But the people here are backing her 100 per cent."

Four towns—Oil City, Franklin, Pleasantville and Titusville—joined in a "Lydia Dean Fund" to secure her legal aid. The goal was US\$2,000. About US\$400 has been raised.

FEELINGS HIGH
"Feeling for support of Mrs Dean is very high," Robert Litzinger, of Oil City, the Fund chairman, said. "The members of the Fund are making no attempt to judge any of the participants in the tragedy. They neither condemn nor condone Mrs Dean's action. Her guilt or innocence will be judged by the courts."

Garland Archer, whose daughter, Mrs William Flick, is caring for Mrs Dean's little girl, said Mrs Dean was "one of the truest and straightest girls I know."

Mrs Dean shot her husband last Saturday as he slept on a couch in his parents' home at Pleasantville.

While her husband was in England with the Air Force for 17 months, she occupied an apartment in Pleasantville. In England, Dean met Brenda Saville Gray, 25, of Braintree, Essex, England, and fell in love with her.

Miss Gray said she did not know Dean already had a wife and child. She also said she had not "made up my mind" to marry Dean.

Residents of the apartment house where Mrs Dean lived

HMS Undaunted Slips Off On A Secret Exercise

Portsmouth, Dec. 12. The British destroyer Undaunted sailed from here tonight on a secret exercise with United States warships.

The crew of the destroyer were called out of cinema theatres and public houses to rejoin their ship.

As soon as sufficient men were aboard, the destroyer sailed westwards out of the harbour down the gate-lashed channel.

British Naval officers said the Undaunted had been sailed "on Admiralty instructions" and refused to add to this.

In London, an Admiralty spokesman said the Undaunted was joining the American ships on a secret exercise.

SECURITY
He added: "The reason I am permitted to give for the sailing is that she is going on an exercise with some American ships."

"There is a security grading on this, and as the exercise is being conducted by the Americans the security grading is also applied by them."

The spokesman could not give the position of the rendezvous.

A U.S. spokesman in London said that the Undaunted was joining "an American exercise in the Atlantic."

She was not going to the assistance of American ships which had run into trouble from freak waves and strong winds further south between the Azores and Lisbon.—Reuter.

Horse-Park?

Askersund, Sweden, Dec. 12. Officials of this country town allocated US\$700 today for the establishment of a parking lot for horses.—United Press.

WARSAW RIOTS' TOLL

Warsaw, Dec. 12. The newspaper "Tribuna Ludu", central organ of the Polish Communist Party, said today that 100 persons were killed and 7,000 others injured this year in riots and crimes involving "hooligans."

The newspaper said "hooligan" activity in Poland was a "social plague" and demanded a "very severe fight against the trouble-makers." The paper declared that police and workers' militia had carried out a severe campaign for some time against the "hooligans."

"Tribuna Ludu" said in one

two-week period, the militia had made 35 raids, arrested 800 persons, and destroyed 27 secret alcohol stills.

The Communist journal criticized the violence against the juvenile delinquents as "too liberal."

It pointed out that 40,000 transgressions by young criminals had been recorded thus far this year and that the percentage of legal actions against the "hooligans" rose to 51.5 per cent of the total actions in 1957 from 42 per cent of the total in 1956.—France Press.

EGYPT SENDS A GIFT OF ARMS TO TUNISIA

Tunis, Dec. 12. President Habib Bourguiba announced today that Egypt has sent Tunisia 200 rifles and a "few" mortars for defensive purposes.

Mr Bourguiba thanked Egypt for the "gift."

Britain and the United States delivered 260 sub-machineguns and 600 M-1 Garand rifles to Tunisia a month ago. This strained relations with France, which claims the arms might be shipped to the Algerian rebels.

President Bourguiba said in his weekly broadcast to the nation, "I announce the arrival of Egyptian arms, including 200 rifles and some mortars. These are defensive arms. They are a gift."

CONFERENCE
Bourguiba also said Tunisia has agreed to attend the projected Cairo conference of African and Asiatic nations.

He said he had been assured his political rival, the self-exiled Neo-Destour (new constitution) Party leader, Salah ben Youssef, would be barred from the Cairo meeting.

Analysing relations between Pro-Western Tunisia and the Arab bloc, President Bourguiba said "our friendship and co-operation can be maintained despite our different political orientation."

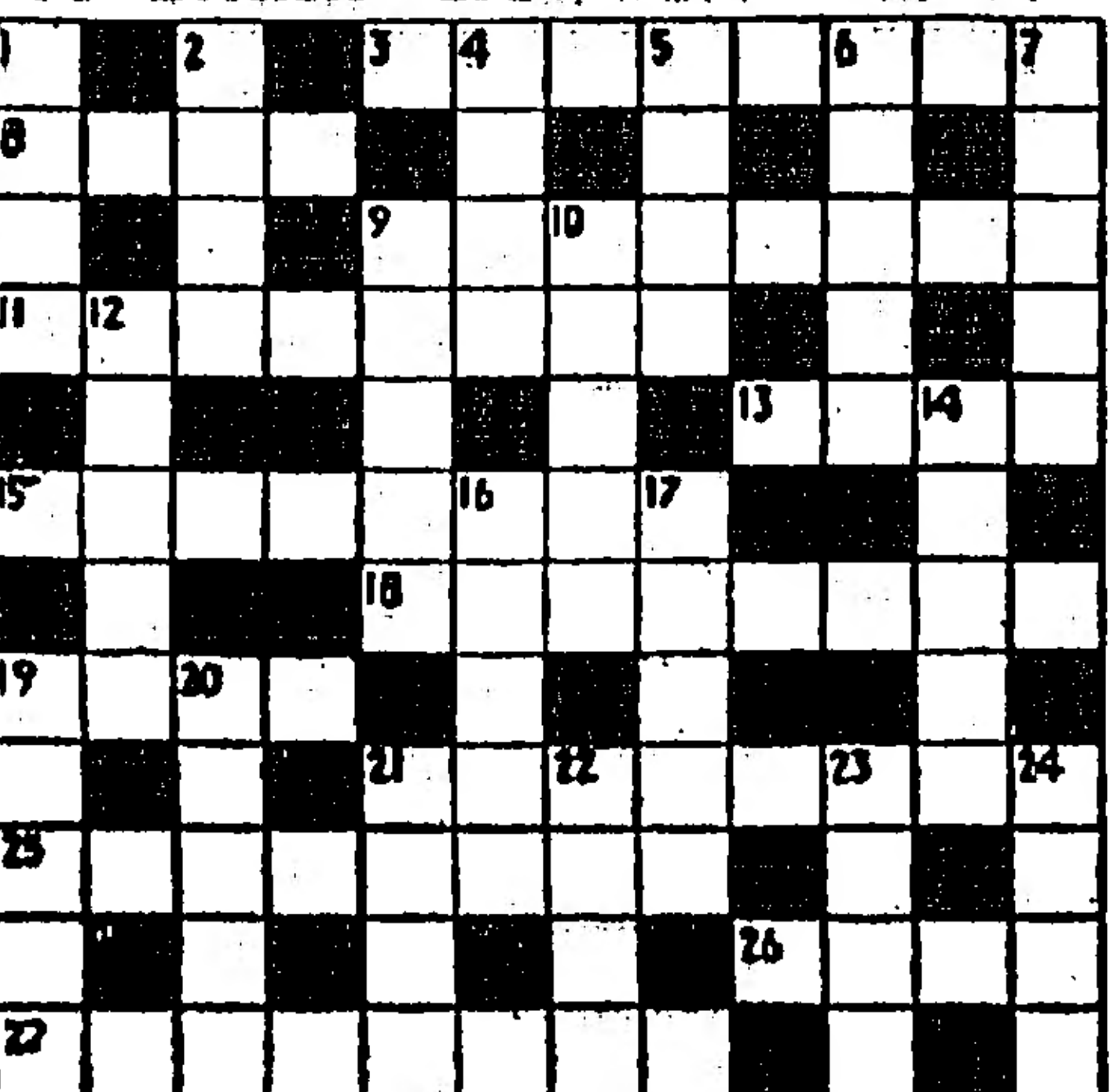
He expressed regret that the United Nations resolution on Algeria did not mention the Moslem Algerians' right to self-determination.—United Press.

Atlantic Storm
Washington, Dec. 12. One crew member was killed aboard the American destroyer "Manley" and several were injured when the "Manley", three other destroyers, a light aircraft carrier and two supply vessels, encountered "mountainous seas" in the East Atlantic, the Navy announced today.

The superstructure of the "Manley" was smashed.—France Press.

Music For Dogs
Charlotte, Dec. 12. A cultural touch has been added at a local kennel which new features hi-fi concerts for canines.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
3 Full of disdain (8).
8 The very top (4).
9 Off-hand (8).
11 "Steady..." (Kipling) (3).
13 Thursday's deity (4).
15 Has a go (8).
18 Collectors seek them (8).
19 Spot (4).
21 Sherwood chap? (8).
23 Keeps within limits (8).
25 Vegetable twins? (4).
27 Without a catalogue? (8).
- DOWN**
1 Upright on board (4).
2 Simply a lake (4).
4 "Legacy" animal? (4).
5 Knock knock! (4).
6 Bright light on uniforms (5).
7 Famous composer (8).
8 He may think he's great! (5).
10 Not just now (5).
12 They may be engaged with (5).
14 Like Billy Bunter (5).
16 A clutching hand? (5).
17 Valuable beasts (8).
19 Go one better (8).
20 Gaps for some underwear (5).
21 Hopalong (4).
22 B and K? (4).
23 Hit the trail (4).
24 Flower-girl (4).

THURSDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Moscow, 4 Blize, 7 Inferno, 8 Girth, 9 Slugs, 11 Caravan, 12 To-morrow, 13 Cradle, 18 Tibia, 19 Shipmate, 20 Blame, 21 Extent, 22 Down, 23 Mollie, 24 Clean, 25 Warlock, 26 Badger, 27 Improved, 28 Siphon, 29 Immobile, 30 Ascribe, 31 Rotors, 32 Rooster, 33 Admit, 34 Elect.

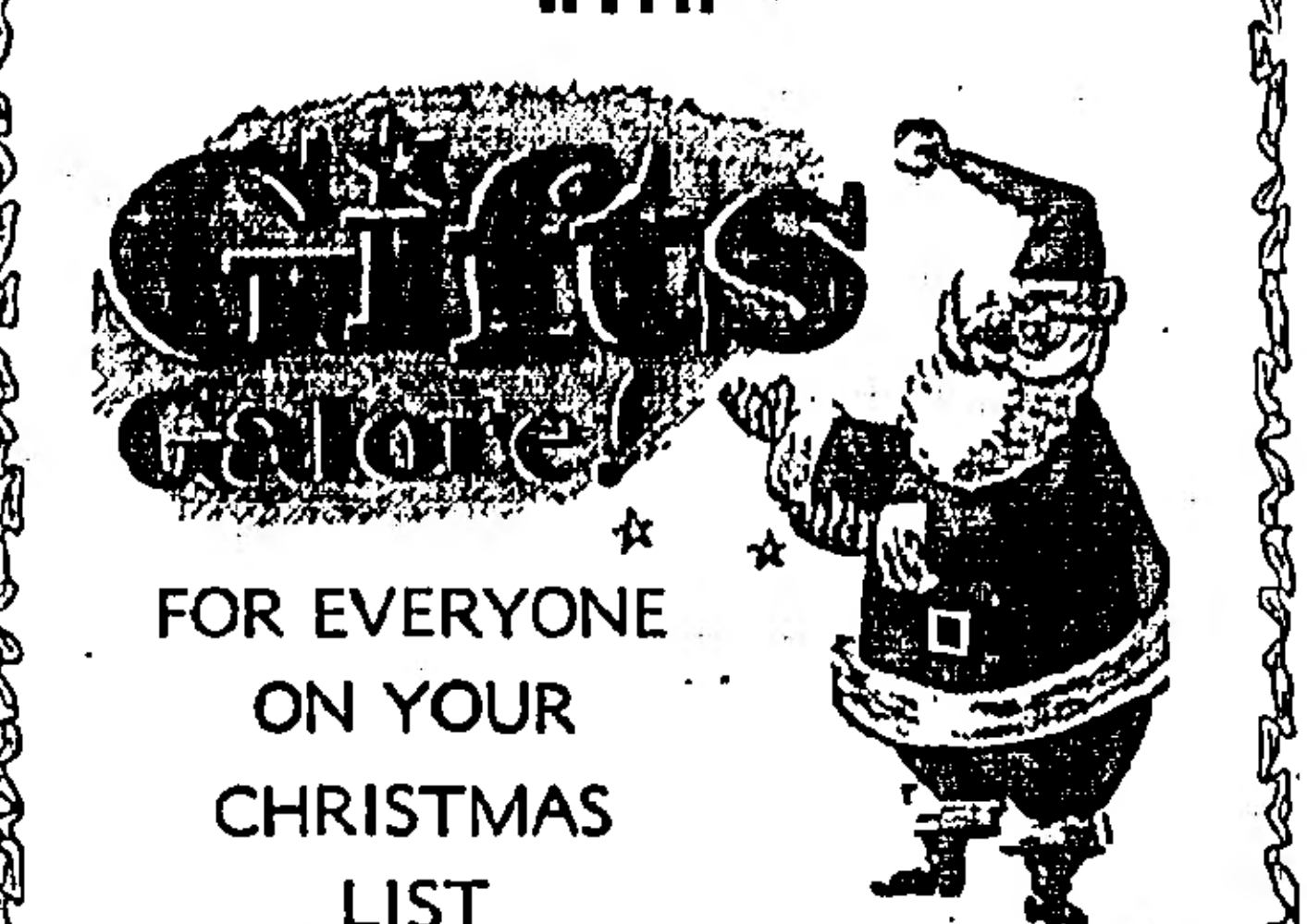
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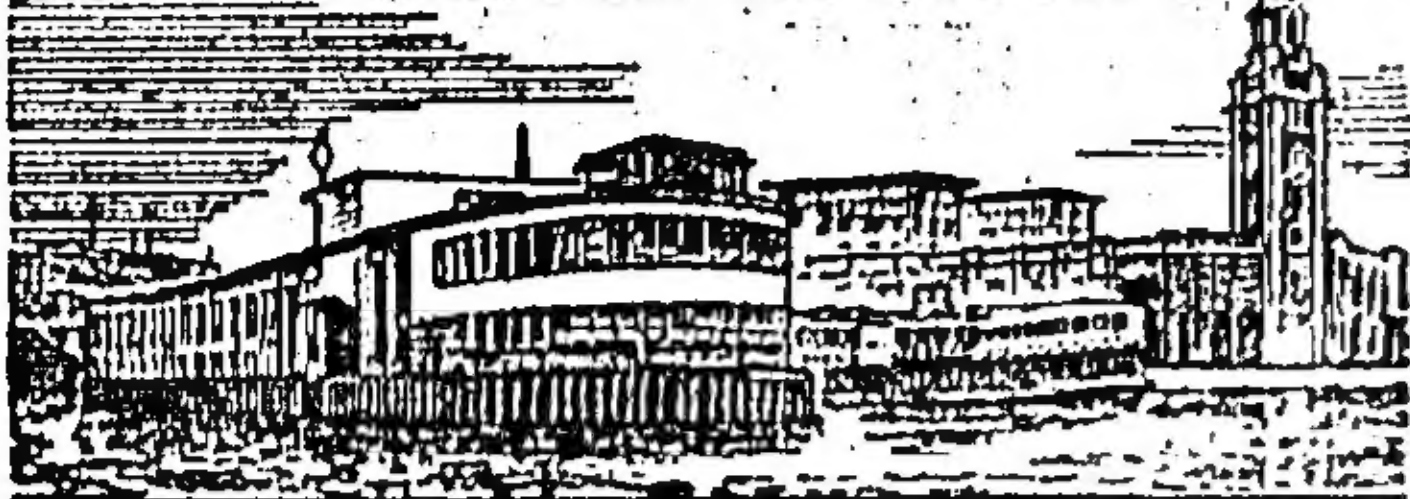
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The Maginot Mentality, 1958

MR DUNCAN SANDYS, the Defence Minister, is now locked in bitter argument with the Air Chiefs.

His objective—the complete abolition of Fighter Command with all its machines, pilots, radar, and supporting equipment.

This is a struggle between a politician whose thinking is of the moment and dedicated R.A.F. chiefs who can fairly be described as having "Maginot" mentality.

Remember the Maginot Line—that expensive system of gun emplacements in which the French poured such money and faith but which failed to keep out the Germans?

Wastage

THIS mentality, which plans future wars in terms of the past, is still entrenched in Whitehall and has resulted in enormous wastage of the taxpayers' money.

It was Maginot thinking which has led to the post-war spending of more than £1,000 million on jet-fighters, many of which were cancelled in the prototype stage because they were already obsolete.

It has led to more than £200 million being spent on guided anti-aircraft missiles which have been cancelled or will be obsolete before the Forces get them.

Huge cost

BUT it is in the U.S. that the really super-scale blunders of Maginot mind planning are now evident.

To keep out enemy bombers the U.S. Government has set up a radar "stockade" 10,000 miles long and 12 miles high at a cost of more than £6,000 million.

Now, with the surprise emergence of Russian long-range rockets, this fantastic complex of electronic eyes, computers, jet-fighters, and guided missiles has suddenly become futile.

How was it possible that the Americans, with their reputation for progressive thinking and technical ability, could display such lack of foresight?

The U.S. anti-aircraft shield, now stretching from the Pacific to Norway, stems basically from a grisly concept known in defence departments as "catering for mega-corpses."

A "mega-corps" is a million dead people, and when Hiroshima showed that a nation subjected to sustained atomic attack would suffer several "mega-corpses," defence departments decided that something must be done about preventing them.

The emergence of the H-bomb made it clear that offensive weapons had made such a terrific power-leap that defence



by
Chapman Pincher

could not hope to catch up with them.

It quickly became accepted both by West and East that "the deterrent"—mutual fear of each other's offensive weapons—was the only protection likely to be effective.

Defence chiefs and politicians realised from the start that guided anti-aircraft missiles would never be able to knock down every H-bomber and so could not overcome the "mega-corps" problem.

They knew that any hope of effective defence against the long-range rocket was even more forlorn. Nevertheless they decided to set up an enormous defensive shield for three reasons:

- 1 TO KEEP up the morale of the people who, they believed, would be terrified if told no effective defence against atom bombing was possible.
- 2 BECAUSE they had been put in charge of defence and had to do something and be seen to be doing it.
- 3 BECAUSE of the argument "you never know what the scientists may produce if we let them try."

200 miles up

THE result? Billions were spent on the radar chain, on jet-fighters, which are too slow, and on anti-aircraft missiles of such restricted range that they could not engage an attacking bomber until after it had dropped its H-bomb.

Billions more are being spent in an effort to make the radar stockade 200 miles high and improve its weapons to knock down incoming rockets.

Realistic

THE only part of the net-work which is now realistic is the advance section which gives long-distance warning that enemy bombers are approaching.

The rich U.S. nation could also afford to build the H-bombs and strategic bombers which are effective deterrents, and have undoubtedly helped to prevent Russian aggression.

But through putting so much money and talent into the "shield" they had to stint the long-range rocket work, with the result that they are now

two years behind the Russians in this critical field.

What was happening in Britain meanwhile? The

"I blame it for wasting millions of our money on futile escapism"

In his first White Paper he would tell the nation bluntly there was no possibility of protecting Britain against atomic attack. For that reason fighters were to be used only to protect the deterrent bomber bases.

The Service chiefs predicted a public outcry of alarm. In fact the public quietly accepted the decision—and the savings—as sound sense.

Now because of new technical advances there is no longer any reason to keep fighters even at the bomber bases.

THE 5 NIGHT BILL

British actress SIMONE SILVA went on working after doctors told her to stop, died as a result—still grasping for the stardom that eluded her.

Flame-haired Simone, 29, was found early Sunday in her flat in London's expensive Mayfair district. She is thought to have suffered a stroke. She had failed to turn up for a London cabaret engagement that was her desperate effort at a "comeback".

She had also failed in the ambition for which she worked, starved and sacrificed her dignity, her marriage and her wealth. In her wardrobe there was a gold lame gown. She spent the last of her savings to buy it.

Two weeks ago she left hospital after being treated for severe kidney trouble. Doctors told her the only way to save her health was to get away from London and rest.

Six days after she went to London's La Ronde restaurant, asked about the cabaret engagement she had been promised before she fell ill. When asked if she was now better she replied that she was perfectly fit.

That was the last lie in a career founded on make-believe. She arrived on the show-business scene six years ago. She said she was the daughter of a French millionaire, with stage and screen experience on the Continent. In reality she was a former shorthand-typist whose Greek-French parents lived modestly in London. She had never been on the stage or screen.

She posed for photographers at theatrical premieres, told stories about film offers that never materialised. She saw her marriage to businessman Cecil Silver end in divorce and said she was too busy being a star to be a wife.

Three years ago she posed for pictures with film actor Robert Mitchum at the Cannes Film Festival wearing only a grass skirt.

Her Hollywood trip after the Cannes Incident resulted only in a starvation diet and an extradition order on the ground that she did not add to the cultural well-being of the country.

She returned to Britain but found it hard to return to show-business. She obtained only one small part in a television series in a year. She sold her mink coat for singing lessons.

Then last week she made her cabaret debut. "At last," she said, "I feel that I will be a star. It has all been worth it." But her star billing lasted only five nights.



After being warned of an impending attack, the fully loaded bombers can now get off the ground and on their way to Russia almost as quickly as the fighters can scramble into combat.

The Russians know this. So there is no sense in ordering jet-pilots to risk their lives roiling drilling holes in the air in daily practice flights which have no relation to the facts of atomic life.

All Britain needs for home defence is the H-bomb, the bomber to carry it, and the distant warning system.

Some fighters will still be needed for overseas use in the event of limited war. But savings of about £80,000,000 a year would accrue from abolishing Fighter Command and slashing the orders for the new P.I. fighter with which it is due to be equipped.

If I were Mr Sandys I would go still further. I would cancel the expensive anti-aircraft guided weapons being manufactured for home defence.

Only the Maginot mentality is keeping them going, in my opinion. The money could be saved or used to step up the work on long-range deterrent rockets.

The basic motive for Maginot thinking is the theory that the public cannot be told an unpleasant truth about their security without risking an angry—and possibly politically dangerous—reaction.

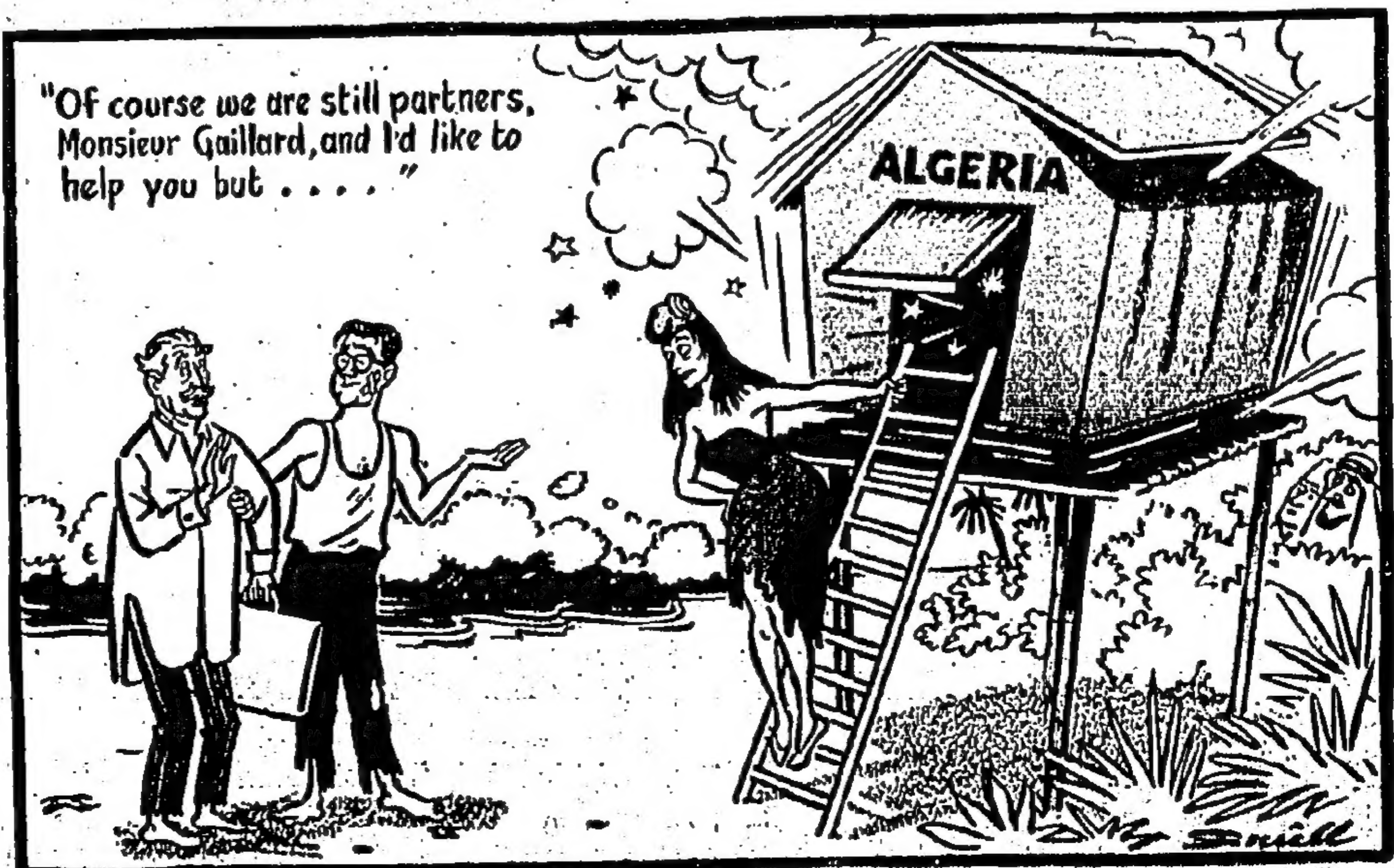
I forecast that if Mr Sandys has the courage to brainwash the Maginot mind right out of Whitehall in 1958, the only reaction he will get will be applause.



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YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

BORN today, you are attracted by the cultural pursuits of life and you will be happiest if you enter one of the arts of the professions. You have the gift of the spoken word as well as the written word and you can charm the birds of the trees, as the saying goes, with your flow of words. You are poetic and dramatic in your expressions and should cultivate this gift from an early age.

Interested in the occult and the mysterious, you will undoubtedly want to delve into the inner secret of life and try to explain them. You have a natural talent for such up knowledge like a piece about water and you become fascinated with vast quantities of information which you store up in carefully selected pigeonholes for future use. Your wisdom, insight, and keen people always coming to you for help and guidance.

You enjoy those who study and are a challenge to your own, but rather than being with people who have you to distraction, you will climb into your ivory tower and remain alone. You are definitely a loner.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—There is getting short if you have been procrastinating on your Christmas shopping. Speed up things to day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—Conclude your holiday plans and do everything you can do at home as late as possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—There will be an active day for you. Get an early start and pack up as much as you can.

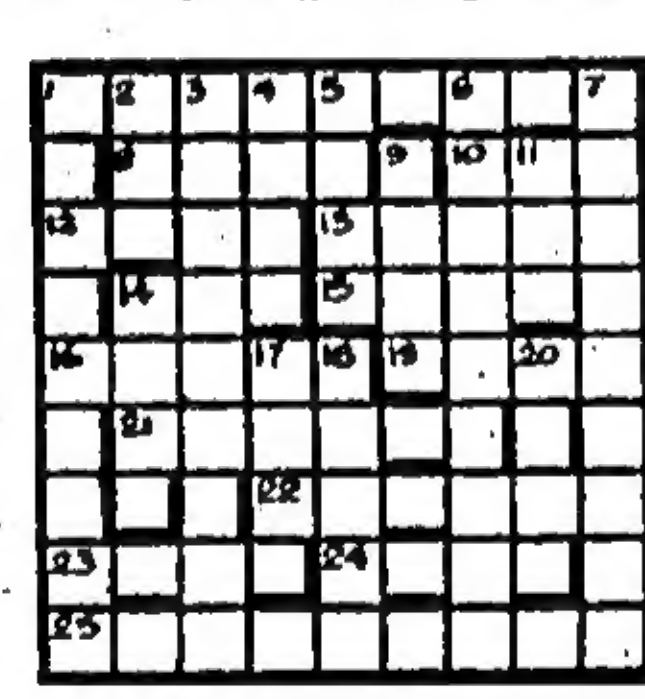
PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—This can be a very busy day, but it behooves you to get at least one thing done as soon as possible.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—If in retail merchandising, you will find this the busiest Saturday so far this month. Make a hundred profit.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—No matter how fast the world around you seems to be whirling, if you keep calm and collected, you will accomplish your tasks.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—If you work at top pitch today, you can plan to let down tensions tomorrow.

CROSSWORD



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Down
1. Informal clothes. (4-6)
2. Sweep. (3)
3. Attempt. (6)
4. Devour. (4)
5. Waiting on. (9)
6. A taste. (4)
7. House. (4)
8. Mines. (4)
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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Discards Halt End-Play Plan

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE two no-trump opening bid is so standard today that in a recent duplicate every South player opened two no-trump and every North raised him to three.

West opened the jack of spades and each declarer won in his own hand and immediately played the king of diamonds. This play insured three odd against any normal diamond break but most declarers had no trouble making an overtrick.

Invariably, East allowed the king of diamonds to hold and West would win the second diamond.

NORTH 20		EAST	
♠ A 6 4		♠ 8 5 2	
♥ 10 9 4 2		♥ J 8 5 2	
♦ 5 4 3		♦ A 7 3	
♣ 10 9 8 7		♣ 10 9	
WEST		EAST	
♠ J 10 9 7		♠ 8 5 2	
♥ K 7 3		♥ J 8 5 2	
♦ Q 8		♦ A 7 3	
♣ Q 9 8 2		♣ 10 9	
SOUTH (D)		EAST	
♠ K 10 9		♠ 8 5 2	
♥ A Q 8		♥ J 8 5 2	
♦ K J 5		♦ A 7 3	
♣ A K J 7		♣ 10 9	
No one vulnerable		South West North East	
2NT Pass 3NT Pass		Pass Pass	
Opening lead—♠ J			

While there are times when the challenge of competition in the big city appears important, you are actually happiest in the country where you can be close to the heart of nature. The center of your social life preferably is your own home, and when you go to the city, you go to the city to enjoy a completely new and contented life.

Among those born on this date were: Philip Brooke, author and churchman; Henrich, (lawyer, poet); John A. Savage, poet and dramatist; Mark Connolly, playwright; Ambrose Bierce, noted humorist; Samuel L. Zerk, inventor; and Lillian Roth, actress.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, after your birthday, see the horoscope on the following page. Let your birthday be your daily guide.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—This can be a highly competitive day, but if you take a positive attitude and grasp the initiative, you will win out.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Each year Christmas morning is a day of great joy and excitement. In the mail, there is nothing very special, indeed.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—This should be one of your most productive days so far this month. Achieve a goal you have been striving for.

LINCOLN (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If you have avoided procrastination in the matter of Christmas plans, then now you can take time off to relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—You can achieve excellent results by focusing your concentration now on major objectives.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:
West North East South
1♥ Double 2♥ 2♠
3♥ Pass 4♠ Pass Pass
You, West, hold:
♠ A K J 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♥ A 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♦ A 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♣ A 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
What do you lead?
A—Your singleton diamond. The best chance to beat this hand is to develop a diamond suit while you still hold the ace of trumps.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding has been:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
1NT Pass 3NT Pass
You, West, hold:
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What do you lead?
Answer Tomorrow

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

I GATHER that food fossilized and rendered tasteless by excessive refrigeration will soon be out of date.

Scientists now know that food exposed to atomic rays, loses its taste (or, as they would say, remains fresh longer). But instead of tasting of nothing, the irradiated food will have an unpleasant, burnt taste. All that now remains is to start a gigantic advertising campaign to persuade people that contaminated food is good for them, and that to eat fresh, unpolluted food in the "atomic age" is to be left behind in the race to the moon. We are not living in the Middle Ages.

Gourmets in the laboratory
THE restaurant of the future, it will be staffed by scientists, and trained technicians will serve pre-cooked atomic dishes, and will be expected to deliver a short lecture on the ingredients, the dosage contained in each item of the stockpile, and the chances of ill-effects to the 10th or 11th generation.

Hops Deferred (VI)
"ARE you making a long stay in England, Mr. Bullock?" asked Lord Gasbrackett. "Just to celebrate," said Sidney, gulping his champagne. "It isn't every day a Bullock marries into the Gasbracketts." "It is like this," said Marjorie. "Sid's left in-

structions to sell his ship, and he's going to look for a job." Lord Gasbrackett started suddenly and dropped his fork on to the floor. His wife frowned at him. "Is he like what you expected?" asked the dear girl. "We-er—" said the mother, coming to the rescue. "By your postcard he thought Sidney owned a proper—a big—well, a ship, if you see what I mean." "Fancy that!" said Sidney. "I have that to those Greek millionaires." Both parents winced like galled horses. "I've no use for them," added Sidney. "Have you, dad?" "Oh, I don't know," said Lord Gasbrackett, with an expression so mournful that his wife quickly changed the subject.

Oil in troubled pipeline
THE question of Arab ownership of Middle East pipelines is bound to be complicated by the dummy pipelines, leading nowhere, constructed by the Khur, of Khashdoun and Gelaweh. Expert investigators say that the confusion and tangle of pipelines in some areas is like the Hampton Court maze, especially as many companies have their own dummy lines, to bluff their rivals. The result is that oil is going to and fro, all over the place, and the Bug of Tikil has become a millionaire overnight, through no fault of his own.

WOMANSENSE
As One Little Woman To Another...

YESTERDAY you were The Career Girl. Sophisticated chatter over gay little lunches with girl friends; a neat, black suit over a neat trim figure; brisk, efficient telephone calls with business contacts.

Today you are The Expectant Mother. Domestic gossip over tea and cakes with different girl friends; figure draped amorously in something floppy; brisk, efficient telephone calls falling on the deaf ear of cooing or butchering.

The startling metamorphosis that overtakes the modern girl when she becomes the modern mother has far more to it than the loss of a well-paid job and a 24-inch waistline. It is a state of mind.

She is the same girl. She feels the same. She acts the same. The reason for the change is that everybody resolutely refuses to treat her the same.

It begins when you enter a store and, for the first time,

Following Anne Edwards's query 'What-ever happened to the Career Girl?' comes a reply from a woman who knows exactly what happened to her . . . she's having a baby.

head for Maternity instead of Fashion.

SURPRISE

UNLIKE Fashion, which boasts a whole, grey-carpeted floor to itself, Maternity is tucked away discreetly behind Proms and Children's Wear.

Used to a wide range of styles and colours, the expectant mother is surprised to find herself face to face with one rail bearing a dozen baggy garments in moss crepe. These are called smocks and come in the sort of colours mother consider passe in 1930.

The assistant in Maternity is your introduction to the cosy type. You meet her again and again in the next few months.

She is white-haired, unmarried, and calls you "ducky" or "love." She looks you over critically with an expert's eye, and gauges: "About four months, are you, love?" She is so friendly and motherly that you leave the store with two moss crepe smocks.

SO HAPPY

COZIEST of all are the nurses at the clinic. "We're just one big, happy family here," they say. With your 24 inches still only 26 inches, you feel rather fraudulent when nurse cries: "Ah! Another new mother come to join us!"

She shows you into a waiting-room, crowded with large, sullen women, gazing disconsolately at Government posters showing what can happen to plump, bonny babies if they are

fed with the wrong foods or left alone in front of an unguarded fire. "I've brought little Mrs. Jones to join you," she beams. "I know you'll make her feel at home."

The men hover over you, tell you that you never looked prettier, and you never looked better when you ask for morphine, and talk easily about the beauty of motherhood and the joy of children.

... By SHIRLEY LOWE

The large, sullen women give you a brief, appraising look and return to the posters.

The nurses at the hospital are an entirely different species. They are brisk, business-like. It is their job to drill you through exercises which, you are assured, made all the difference to Princess Grace and Princess Ira.

You wonder if Princess Grace and Princess Ira were marshalled in the same barracks-square manner. And if they were given the same advice.

"You can practise this one while you are peeling the potatoes, ladies." This is sitting cross-legged like a contemplative Buddha.

Or: "Do this when you are relaxing in an armchair after supper, ladies." This involves panting quickly like an out-of-condition greyhound.

ALARMING

IT is these exercises which startle and alarm your husband. Once he has found you cross-legged on the kitchen floor, or panting heavily in the sitting-room, he is never quite the same again.

Previously, he has treated the whole thing as a conspiracy between you and the doctor to put up his cost of living. Now, he realises that something is indeed happening.

He becomes strangely kind and thoughtful. He even suggests heating the coal from the coal-cellar to the sitting-room fire.

If it takes a lot to turn the man you live with into a tender, protective male, you need merely to mention that you are pregnant to revolutionise the attitude of men in general.

CHANGES

ALL at once you are in your proper place. No longer a Woman in a Man's World, you are the Little Woman Fulfilling her Natural Destiny.

COMPLETE

RELATIVES who had previously sent you bags of possum, or chocolates begin to send you strange limited things in assorted sizes and colours.

A cot and a pram appear in your spare room. Your husband spends his free time sticking brightly coloured transfers over every available bit of paintwork. Before you know where you are, you have a nursery.

TOMORROW'S CHANCES AT THE VALLEY

Green Park Handicap The Main Attraction

By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Fifth Race Meeting of the current season will again be a two-day affair, the first half to be run tomorrow afternoon and the latter half the following Saturday.

The day's programme consists of eight events, most interesting of which will be the two sections of the Green Park Handicap for Class 2 ponies over the mile.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Battersea Park Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

Not So Bad (W. M. Chan) seems to be the best bet here but Diamond (H. K. Kwok) and Sultan (Robert Tsai) are not to be ignored, especially the latter which is not bad over this distance.

SECOND RACE

Lingfield Park Plate: From 2-Mile Post.

This race is confined to Class 2 1957 ponies. Weight: Ponies which have not won any stake money, 144 lbs; winners of not more than \$1,750 in stakes, 147 lbs; of not more than \$2,250 in stakes, 150 lbs.

As you like it (W. M. Chan) is a very likely winner.

Then there is Angela (K. Kwok), but this pony has disappointed so many times that I am not too confident regarding its ability to win the race.

Que Sera (Robert Tsai) is another good pony to bear in mind.

THIRD RACE

Kempson Park Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

It is about time Full Ahead (K. Kwok) came into his own. In my estimation, he has only a 50-50 chance of winning.

Beautyful Lie (C. W. Wong) to contend with in this race and should have the better of the argument at the finishing line.

Ecstasy (W. K. Shieh) may agreeably surprise his connections with a belated win.

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Cover Girl (H. K. Kwok) is a very good long shot.

FOURTH RACE

Green Park Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

This race will be contested by Class 2 ponies. The ponies to watch will be Welcome (H. K. Kwok), Sultan (Robert Tsai), Golden Branch (W. K. Shieh), Knock-down (Allan Chan) and Lightning Feet (P. Y. T. Wei).

I look to Welcome to win here in view of its win in the Sandy Bay Handicap (First Section) over six furlongs at the 3rd Race Meeting for Class 3 ponies in the time of 1:10-1/5 seconds.

Opposition is likely to come from Sultan, which has been showing improved form lately. It will give Welcome a good race.

Golden Branch and Knock-down are improving in their morning gallops and it will not be a surprise to see them fighting out the finish.

Lightning Feet is by no means out of the running and for a long shot I suggest keeping this pony in mind.

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ponies and over this short distance the best thing to do is to look for sprinters.

Personally, I think that All Gay (E. S. Wong) should win as it can move some and the distance is to its liking.

King A (H. K. Kwok) and Venedetta (P. Plumby) are quite fast over a short distance and will be near at the finish.

EIGHTH RACE

Green Park Handicap (2nd Section): One Mile.

The day's programme will be concluded with a race for the second lot of Class 2 ponies. In my estimation the result will be decided between Barrington (K. Kwok), Milky Way (M. Samarc), Permanent View (H. K. Kwok) and Jemima P. (A. Ostroumoff).

Judging by its mile run in the time of 1:57.4 last quarter (3:1 seconds) on December 7 during training, Barrington is my choice and I think it should win, but Milky Way with a change in the jockey department tomorrow is not to be ignored as this pony is quite dependable over this distance.

Permanent View is another pony to bear in mind.

For those looking for an outsider, I suggest Jemima P.

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Cut this out and take it to the races

tomorrow for your guidance

Probable Starters, Weights & Riders

Probable starters, weights and riders for tomorrow's Happy Valley race meeting are given below. This list is based on the most up-to-date information available. As an additional guide to form, the placings of the ponies in their last three starts will be found on the left hand side of their names.

2:00 p.m. Race 1 BATTERSEA PARK HANDICAP (1st Section), 6 Furlongs, Novice Class.

340 Easy Money (Sofronoff) 134 lbs. B. Hum.

340 Diamond (Lui) 130 lbs. Andrew Chan.

340 Sunrise (Tokimoff) 130 lbs. E. S. Wong.

340 Prince Dahlia (Pereboff) 130 lbs. C. W. Wong.

340 Mr. B. (A. S. Wong) 134 lbs. B. Hum.

340 Free Kick (Belokoff) 144 lbs. B. Hum.

340 Not So Bad (W. M. Chan) 143 lbs. W. M. Chan.

340 Late Success (Lesoff) 142 lbs. B. Hum.

340 Peachum (Krasopoff) 141 lbs. B. Hum.

340 Sultan (H. K. Kwok) 140 lbs. H. K. Kwok.

Possible Acceptors: May Blossom, Invincible.

2:20 p.m. Race 2 LINGFIELD PARK PLATE, 1 Mile 11 Yards, Novice Class.

340 As You Like It (Lui) 150 lbs. S. M. Wan.

340 Angela (Tokimoff) 147 lbs. K. Kwok.

340 Million Boats (Lui) 144 lbs. B. Hum.

340 Pretender (A. S. Wong) 144 lbs. B. Hum.

340 Que Sera (Robert Tsai) 144 lbs. B. Hum.

340 Sinapore (A. S. Wong) 144 lbs. H. K. Kwok.

Possible Acceptors: Winning Streak, Jet Off.

3:00 p.m. Race 3 KEMPSON PARK HANDICAP (1st Section), 6 Furlongs, Class 1.

320 Brilliance (Lesoff) 130 lbs. Albert Lam.

320 Fox Hunter (Nood) 130 lbs. Alex Lam.

320 Curdson House (Lui) 135 lbs. B. Hum.

320 Amusement (Sofronoff) 133 lbs. B. Hum.

320 The Cherub (Belokoff) 133 lbs. B. Hum.

320 Never Forget (Lui) 132 lbs. B. Hum.

320 Beautiful Lie (Lui) 131 lbs. B. Hum.

320 Ecstasy (W. K. Shieh) 140 lbs. B. Hum.

320 Full Ahead (Tokimoff) 140 lbs. K. Kwok.

320 Cover Girl (Lui) 142 lbs. B. Hum.

320 Beloved (Ng) 141 lbs. B. Hum.

321 Fenelure (Sam Chu) 140 lbs. B. Hum.

Possible Acceptors: How Do I Know, Our Pride.

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GOOD FIGHTS?
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No cutting up percentages in the clinches. When I say BREAK I don't mean contracts. Don't shake hands and when the bell goes come out screaming your heads off.

HARRY THE HORSE

MEET OVER TEN ROUNDS OF ABUSE DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON OF GOODWILL TOWARDS MEN.

BACK TO WORK

By HENRY LONGHURST

After hopping in and out of innumerable aeroplanes and being carried therein a distance equal almost to the orbit of a flying dog, it has been a great delight to get one's feet firmly on the ground again and to enjoy a game of golf at St Andrews.

We were able after a steaming rainstorm at mid-day—real Somerset Maugham stuff—to complete our 18 holes in shirtsleeves and sunshine and to finish the evening on the terrace gazing out over our whiskies and soda at the fireflies dancing in the darkness and the lights of the ships at anchor in the bay.

Lost any of my friends at the home of golf should fancy that I had begun to "see things." I should explain that the St Andrews in question is in Port of Spain and is the senior golf club in Trinidad. Later I was able to play a visit, even nearer home as it seemed to the Brighton Club—without the "and Hove"—and to note, with due respect to the Sussex edition of which I have the honour to be a member, that I would rather play my winter golf there among the palm trees, looking down over gentle slopes to the dazzling blue Gulf of Paria and the distant islands, than in a howling gale on the Downs looking down over the Shoreham power station.

Asphalt Lake

The journey to Brighton, which lies hard beside the celebrated Trinidad asphalt lake—a rather dreary natural phenomenon "worth seeing," as Dr Johnson remarked, "but not worth going to see"—involved a long drive down through the sugar plantations and a stop to drop off a member of the party who was playing Rugby football against British Guiana on the ground of the Trinidad Lenseholds Company, over whose sale to the Texans there was a good deal of fuss recently. Next door, such is the climate of this lovely island, there was a cricket match in progress. St Andrews is a remarkable golf course and a very good one. It lies in a narrow valley between thick-wooded hills reminiscent of Malaya and Penang, and, as you turn in to

the club house, you find yourself remarking that surely there cannot be eighteen holes. In fact there are, and a most enjoyable and authentic game of golf they afford, with a par of 88 and a length of less than 6,000 yards. It makes you wonder what on earth we are doing at home playing with a ball that causes us to walk upwards of 7,000 yards and be hard put to it to get in two rounds in a day.

Golf Architect

I have always suspected that the late Harry Colt was the best golf architect of all time. He designed Pine Valley and many of our own finest courses, which I will not enumerate at this distance, in case I get one wrong, but I doubt whether he ever did anything better than St Andrews, Trinidad—it only because he never in fact set eyes on it. They sent him some contour maps and some aerial photographs and he sat down and laid it out at a range of 4,000 miles.

Apart from recently altering the tee of one short hole—which, contrary to what usually happens when club committees usurp the functions of the golf architect, is a great improvement—it remains exactly as he designed it from afar in 1934. It possesses, however, one really splendid hazard which I am sure that neither Colt, nor for that matter any other golf architect, ever visualised. On an embankment adjacent to several of the greens and tees they have a rifle range.

The silence as a man concentrates on the crucial tee-shot or five-foot putt may at any moment be broken by a shattering report which echoes and reverberates among the hills in a manner calculated to recall to the 14th Army veteran his finest hour. As you stand there, brooding over your stroke, it is bad enough when it does go off, and you have an excuse. It is infinitely worse when it doesn't and you haven't.

It was borne in upon me on my first visit to Persia in 1944 that those who go out into the wilds in search of oil habitually do three things: erect a tent, erect their drilling gear, and lay out nine holes—in that order. Since Palo Seco in Southern Trinidad where British Petroleum now have an interest, can by no stretch of imagination be called the wilds, they have been understandably lax in this matter, but are now repairing the omission.

The scene is to be 60 acres of low bush interspersed with what the architects call "features"—a winding stream, undulations in the ground, a variety of wonderful tall trees, a number of tethered cows, and a squatter growing bananas.

Finest Course

From this could be made without doubt the finest nine-hole course in the Tropics, and great was the temptation when hints were thrown out that I might cure the way and take a hand in it. Only an idiot or an outlandishly conscientious and hardworking writer leaves the West Indies for an English November. Thus it comes about that the latter is now seated in the commodious tail of the BOAC strato-cruiser Cleopatra being borne only too rapidly towards the rubbish and flooded gravel pits of Staines, west of London, the returning Englishman to his happy homeland.

The connection to Montego Bay was an hour late and there were moments when the prospect of a couple of days' delay in the Noel Coward country passed hopelessly through the mind but, alas, the faithful Cleopatra had awaited our coming. So now there is nothing for it.

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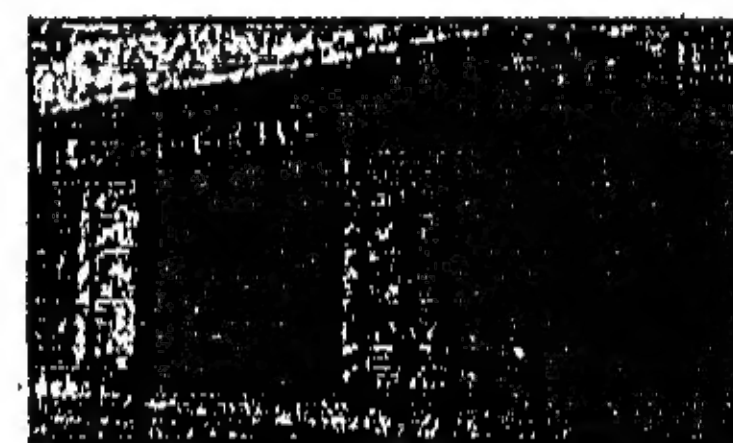
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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FIFTH RACE MEETING

Saturday 14th and Saturday 21st December 1957

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 16 RACES.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m. on both days.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A DADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.

All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Batches at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road and 382 Nathan Road only on the written introduction of a Member, who will be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 7281).

The 6th Floor is restricted to Members and Ladies wearing Lady's Brooches.

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Pay Out Booths in the Enclosures.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$10.00 each per day and \$32.00 each for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), and 3, D'Agulhar Street during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on the day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 13th December will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from Subscription Lists without stating reasons for their action.

Cash Sweep Tickets at \$2.00 each for the last race on 14th December 1957 and Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 26th January, 1958, at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at: Queen's Building (Chater Road) and 3, D'Agulhar Street on:

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382, Nathan Road, Kowloon

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Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

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Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?

1 Famous book
2 Sets the place
3 Bill
4 From Iberia
5 Nomad?
6 Western country
7 Ancient book
8 And legend?
9 Journey
10 Giving an account
11 May search you
12 On the wall?

Solution on Page 9

BE SPECIFIC

CATHAY PACIFIC

TO CALCUTTA

Southeast Asia Boxing Championships

Rangoon, Dec. 12.

Australian bantamweight O. Taylor qualified for the finals of the Southeast Asia Boxing Championships when he scored a technical knockout over Burma's Thein Myint in a semi-final bout today.

Flyweight F. Bonus of the Philippines, outpointed India's S. Khatau.

Other semi-final results were: Lightweights: Japan's T. Sugimori outpointed Ceylon's H. S. Jayasuriya. India's S. Rao eked out a decision over Australia's J. Locke.

Light-welterweights: Ceylon's C. Y. Jayasuriya outpointed India's S. Raj.—France-Press.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

HERE 'TIS, A QUARTER-MILLION DOLLAR BEAUTY, TODD. YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T WANT A PIECE OF IT.

RIGHT.

ALL YOU WANTED WAS TO RUIN BANKS AND HIS PICTURE. YOU DID IT, PAL.

RIGHT, MIGHT AS WELL DISMOUNT.

I DON'T WANT A PIECE OF IT. I WANT THE WHOLE THING, FOOL!

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JOHNNY HAZARD

IT'S O.K., JOHNNY! MY UNCLE STYME AND BUNKO CAME FOR THE WEDDING, BUT NOW THAT IT'S OFF, THEY'RE LEAVING!

SORRY IT'S HELLO AN' GOODBYE, JOHN. BOY... BUT THAT'S LIFE!

NOT SO FAST, UNCLE STYME! KISMET, WHAT WAS THAT SHOT I HEARD WHEN I GOT HERE?

O-OH, THAT I—I WAS JUST SHOWING GEORGE'S HUNTING CARBINE, AND... AND IT DROPPED AND WENT OFF!

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Wembley Lions Beat Czechs At Ice Hockey

London, Dec. 12.

Czechoslovakia's ice hockey team, which beat Hungary 4-1 last night, were themselves beaten this evening when they met Wembley Lions at the Empire Pool where the home-side won by four goals to two.

Period scores were 3-1, 1-0, 0-1.

Lions were the only London side to beat the Russians during a recent tour by the Soviet ice hockey players.—China Mail Special.

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 Signal, Popularity Poll presented by
 Ted Thomas, 6.50, Junior Fairs,
 introduced by Deborah Hurlbut, 6.55,
 Weather Report, 7.00, Signal,
 News, 7.10, Commentary, 7.15, Four
 Week-end presented by Ted Thomas,
 7.20, Edmund Ho and his Orchestra,
 7.30, We Write Novels—William Golding
 (Read), 8.00, Grief, 8.10, Signal,
 Flanagan, 8.30, Radio Hongkong
 Actors Studio presents "Brotherhood
 of Fear", 8.45, Ted Thomas, 9.00,
 9.10, Time Signal, News and Home
 News from Britain, 9.15, Music
 Lovers Hour—Classical Records pre-
 sented by Aileen Decker, 10.10, "Take
 It From Here", 10.15, Ted Thomas,
 10.20, Broadway Melodrama, 10.25,
 Weather Report, 10.30, Signal,
 Radio News, 11.05, Goodnight
 Music, 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION
 3 p.m., Musical Matinee, 3.30,
 Strike Up The Band, 4, Ted For-
 two, 4.30, Musical A H C Songs
 beginning with Letter "C", 5,
 Children's Corner—Presented by
 Auntie Ivy, 5.15, Friday Requiem,
 Presented by Betty, 6, Showtime
 Serenade—Singer, 6.15, Stripes,
 6.20, Birthday Melodrama, 6.30, Jimmy
 McPartland and his Orchestra, 6.45,
 Story of Jane Armitage, 7, Time
 Signal, and the News, 7.20, Weather
 Forecast, Announcements and
 Interlude, 7.35, Track Talk, 7.40, Radio
 Tenor's Hour, 7.45, Harry James and
 his Orchestra, 7.50, Personality Parade—
 Rudy Draper, 8.15, The Top in
 Popular Music presented by Nick
 Kendall, 8.30, Lawrence Welk Show,
 8.45, Continental Melodrama, 9,
 Jeannette, 9.15, 9.30, Official
 Detective—Episode 20, in Rediffusion
 Spotlight, 10.10, 10.15, Ted Thomas,
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TELEVISION
 5 p.m., Children's Hour—Car-
 toons, 5.15, Puppet Theatre, 5.30,
 "Close Kid", 6, Close Down, 7.30,
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

TIGHT MONEY AFFECTS MARKET

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$220,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Share	Buyers	Sellers	Rate
HK Bank	945	40	845
East Asia	270	22	812
INDUSTRIALS			
Lombard	32		126
SHIPPING			
Whitcomb	6.40	6.45	1000 6.50
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	118		6.50
Dock	61 1/2		
Provident			
(Q) 11.40	11.50		
HK Hotel	14.70	15	600 14.70
HK Land	33		500 14.70
Hampshire	15.80		
Rubber	1.30	1.40	
Amalg.	1.35	1.375	2000 1.375
True	1.35	1.375	2000 1.375
A. Taw	1.35	1.375	2000 1.375
Singla	1.40		
UTILITIES			
Peak Tram	22.70		
(Q) 100	100	6	12
Peak Tram			
(Q) 1435	1435	6	36
Yau Ma Tei	95	96	
C. Light	17.20	500	17
(Q) XD			
Electric	25.00	25.80	500 25 1/2
Telephone	25.40	25.50	500 25 1/2
INDUSTRIALS			
Central	27.30		
STOCKS, ETC.			
Dairy	10.40	800	10.30
Watson	11.90	500	11.70
COTTONS			
Textiles	4.50	4.60	
MISCELLANEOUS			
Vibron	15.50		
H.K. & F.E.	9.50	900	9.50

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local interbank exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1)	5.54
Sterling (per £1)	15.50
Australian (per £1)	12.57
Indian (per 100)	13.70
Singapore (per 100)	20.20
Siam (per 100)	1.81

SINGAPORE STOCKS

Singapore, Dec. 13. Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

Bata Lintang Rubber Co.	Opening
Ltd.	\$1.77 1/2
Bata Lintang Rubber Co.	46
Syndicate	29.54
Consolidated Tin Smelters	29.54
Ord.	29.54
Fraser & Neave Ltd. Ord.	29.54
Fraser & Neave 7 1/2 cum.	29.54
pref.	29.54
Gammon (Malayan) Limited	29.54
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank	29.54
ing. Corp.	29.54
Hongkong Tin Ltd.	29.54
Kumppia Ltd.	29.54
Kuala Lumpur Tin	29.54
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd.	29.54
Malayan Breweries	29.54
New Serendah Rubber Co.	29.54
Ltd.	29.54
Petaling Tin Ltd.	29.54
Raffles Hotel	29.54
Singapore Cold Storage	29.54
Straits Trading	29.54
Straits Steamship	29.54
United Engineers Ord.	29.54
Wearne Bros.	29.54
1 celt 1 cum. 2 exch.	29.54
Mail Special.	29.54

London Foreign Exchange

London, Dec. 12. Closing rates were:

New York	2.95 1/2-2.96 1/2
Montreal	10.1 1/2-10.2
Brussels	10.1 1/2-10.2
Copenhagen	10.1 1/2-10.2
Frankfurt	10.1 1/2-10.2
Paris	10.1 1/2-10.2
Stockholm	10.1 1/2-10.2
Vienna	10.1 1/2-10.2
Zurich	10.1 1/2-10.2
Others unchanged—United Press.	

New York Foreign Exchange

New York, Dec. 12. Closing rates were:

Canada	1.02 7/16
England official	1.50 9/16
London	1.50 9/16
90 days	1.50 9/16
Australia	2.75 1/2
New Zealand	2.75 1/2
South Africa	2.75 1/2
India	2.75 1/2
Others unchanged—United Press.	

Cements Make Headway In Dull Week

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Tight money has again affected the Hongkong Stock Market, which closed yesterday after a dull and featureless week.

Due to the absence of any incentive on the market, it proceeded towards the end of the year under small pressure. Another feature that has kept the market depressed is the fact that many large companies in Hongkong like to clear their books up at the end of the year and have some ready cash at hand.

Continue

It is expected that the market will continue its present trend until after the New Year. One of the few stocks to make any headway during the week was Cements, which continued to make a recovery after their adverse fall last month.

NEW YORK RUBBER MARKET

New York, Dec. 12. Rex rubber futures today closed 45 to 65 points lower with sales of 163 contracts.

Standard contract closed 45 to 65 points lower with no sales reported.

Earlier trend reflected commission house and trade selling with the lower Singapore market. Uncovering of stop-loss orders extended the decline, although the market steadied again toward the close on local covering.

Part of the selling also was encouraged by trade reports indicating no interruption of consequence in December shipment from Indonesia, although that situation continued to be keenly watched.

Shipment business was reported quiet with sales of some three remill bales, Dec/Jan. shipment at 25 cents a pound, cost and freight, out of Indonesia. Spot No. 1 was quoted at 20 1/2 cents, nominal.

The market was down slightly at the opening on disappointing overseas advices and moved erratically in an actual but nervous market.

There was good interest for lower grades but with uncertainty of future supplies, sellers were reserved.

With no new feature during the afternoon the market ruled quiet at around the final closing levels.

Futures:

No. 1 rubber per lb. Dec.	85 1/2-86 1/2
No. 2 rubber per lb. Dec.	85 1/2-86 1/2
No. 3 rubber per lb. Dec.	85 1/2-86 1/2
No. 4 rubber per lb. Dec.	85 1/2-86 1/2
No. 5 rubber per lb. Dec.	85 1/2-86 1/2
No. 6 rubber per lb. Dec.	85 1/2-86 1/2
No. 7 rubber per lb. Dec.	85 1/2-86 1/2
No. 8 rubber per lb. Dec.	85 1/2-86 1/2
No. 9 rubber per lb. Dec.	85 1/2-86 1/2
No. 10 rubber per lb. Dec.	85 1/2-86 1/2

Note: London rubber prices were unavailable today.—United Press.

Agreed Merchant Rates

Canadian \$: Maximum Selling 10 1/2%, Minimum Buying 17 1/2% T/2, 17 1/2 O/D.

They closed at \$27.30 sellers yesterday with no buyers. A block of 100 was sold at the beginning of the week for \$27.50—their highest quote for many months. This sudden rise has been accredited to rumours of a land sale.

Cottons

Cottons made good gains on the week—Textiles went up to \$4.55, a gain of five cents, while Nanyang closed at \$9.20 a rise of 25 cents on the week.

All utilities had losses this week. In the stores section, Dairies and Watsons both had losses, while Lane Crawford closed with unsatisfied buyers at \$14.

Turnover for the week was down to \$1.73 million compared with last week's turnover of \$2.33 million. Tally was six higher, six unchanged and six lower compared with nine higher, eight unchanged and seven lower last week.

Reduction

Here is an Ice House Street observer's account of the market:

The Stock Market experienced a week of dull trading conditions resulting in a further reduction in the overall turnover which amounted to \$1,737,000.

The continued lack of interest caused prices generally to yield ground but losses were gradual and mostly fractional.

Recent popular counters such as Electric and Telephones in the utilities section, Dairy Farms and Watsons in the stores group lost ground. Bidding was expected to be aggressive for the 1958 crop stock, which contains a substantial amount of desirable grades, currently in tight supply.

★ The Share Market At A Glance ★

	Nov 14	Nov 21	Nov 28	Dec 5	Dec 12	Up or Down
HK Bank	823 1/2	870	850	845	845	steady
Lombard	32 1/2	33 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	steady
Union	76 1/2	79 1/2	75 1/2	77	76	-1
Wheelock	6.55	6.55	6.40	6.60	6.55	-5
HK Wharf	119 1/2	117	117	117	116	-1
HK Docks	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	+500
Provident	11.70	11.70	11.60	11.60	11.55	-5
HK Hotels	14.10	14.10	14.70	15.10	14.55	-55
HK Lands	33.25	33.50	33.25	33.25	33	-25
HK Realty	1.30 1/2	1.35 1/2	1.35 1/2	1.35 1/2	1.35	steady
HK Trams	22.30	22.90	22.80	22.80	22.60	-20
Star Ferry	127 1/2	128 1/2	127 1/2	126 1/2	125 1/2	steady
Yau Ma Tei	95 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	97	+15.50
Ch Lights	15.90	16.40	17.40	17.30	17.10	-20
Electric	26.20	27.50	26.80	27	26.70	-30
HK Telephone	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	steady
G.I. Cement	22.10	22.80	24.40	25 1/2	27.30	+23.30
Dairy Farm	15.90	16.20	16.20	16.80	16.30	-50
A. S. Watson	12 1/2	12.25	12.20	12 1/2	11.70	-30
Yankee	5.30	5.30	5.35	5.35	5.35	steady
Allied	3.75 1/2	3.80	3.70	3.70	3.70	+5
HK & F.E. Inv.	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	steady
Textile Corp.	4.40 1/2	4.50	4.60	4.50	4.50	steady
Nanyang	9.45 1/2	9.50	9.30	9.50	9.20	+25

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 12. Final evening-up operations in the December delivery dominated dealings in cotton futures today.

After dropping a \$2 a bale to 30.05 cents, followed by earlier month rallied sharply, going off the board at 30.74 cents for a net overnight gain of \$1.45 a bale.

Other positions at the final going ruled off 10 to 20 points. The market opened off 2 to 20 points, New Orleans closed off 3 to 24 points.

FIRM

The firm closing in December acted to steady the later positions, following earlier reactions influenced by uncertainties over farm legislation and administration proposals to lower the parity supports for the 1958 crop season.

Some traders predicted caution in the later months of the year, but the market was firm. Bidding was expected to be aggressive for the 1958 crop stock, which contains a substantial amount of desirable grades, currently in tight supply.

NEW YORK

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LIVERPOOL

Cotton futures closings, in pence per lb., were as follows:

Dec/Jan: 20 1/2; Jan/Feb: 20 1/2; Feb/Mar: 20 1/2	
Mar/Apr: 20 1/2; Apr/May: 20 1/2; May/Jun: 20 1/2	
Jun/Jul: 20 1/2; Jul/Aug: 20 1/2; Aug/Sep: 20 1/2	
Sep/Oct: 20 1/2; Oct/Nov: 20 1/2; Nov/Dec: 20 1/2	

Total sales at these markets were 103,411 bales—United Press.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

London, Dec. 12. Gilt-edged securities featured an irregular higher stock market today. Government issues rose from seven to 11 shillings as the market was hit by a flurry of short-covering orders. Industrial shares showed fractional gains led by tobacco shares. Oil issues were mostly unchanged. British Petroleum, whose heavily overvalued stock is due to be traded next Monday, was quiet. Dollar stocks closed unchanged—United Press.

RAILS LEAD A RISE IN WALL STREET

New York, Dec. 12.

Railroad issues spurred 1 to more than 3 points to lead a rise in the stock market today. Demand from shorts and some investors plus lack of selling pressure put the rails up after their recent decline to a new average low since Jan. 12, 1954.

Western Pacific at its high was nearly 4 points higher. Gains of 2 points or more were set by long list of carriers.

The rise in the long neglected railroad shares had a good influence on the general market. Gains ranging to more than 2 points dotted the tape. The sugars provided several wide gains—more than 4 in West Indies Sugar, for example.

IRREGULARITY

Narrow irregularity in oils and declines in motors and aircrafts marred the rise in industrial issues. Steels firmed under the lead of Lukens. Freeport Sulphur rose more than 3 1/2 in the reaction. Owens Illinois Glass led the gains with a rise of more than 2 points.

Of 1,196 issues traded today, 528 advanced, 402 declined and 266 held unchanged. A total of 73 stocks hit new lows and 7 touched new highs.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$5,530,000. American Stock Exchange volume was \$800,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials	438.41
20 rails	100.83
15 utilities	107.61
40 bonds	147.60
Comm. future price index	101.20

Closing Prices

Allied Chemicals	24 1/2
Allied Mills Inc.	20 1/2
Allis Chalmers	22 1/2
Am. Brake Shoe	30 1/2
American Airlines	10 1/2
American Can Co.	10 1/2
American Cyanamid Co.	42 1/2
Am. Gas & Electric	30 1/2
Am. Mach. & Foundry	30 1/2
American Smelting	30 1/2
Am. Sugar Ref.	25 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	10 1/2
American Tob. Co.	25 1/2
Anaconda Copper	41 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	11 1/2
Beneficial Finance	10 1/2
Benetton & Co.	10 1/2
Bentley Corp.	10 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	32 1/2
Borg-Warner	30 1/2
Borden (The)	30 1/2
Burgess Add. Machine	30 1/2
Canadian Pacific	24 1/2
Cash, Tractor	10 1/2
Celanese Corp.	12 1/2
C. I. T. Financial Corp.	10 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	10 1/2
Clinch Molybdenum	10 1/2
Citibank	10 1/2
Cluett Peabody	10 1/2
Colgate-Palmolive	10 1/2
Columbia Carbon Co.	10 1/2
Commercial Credit	10 1/2
Consolidated Edison	10 1/2
Continental Oil of Del.	10 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	10 1/2
Cuban Sugar	10 1/2
Diamond Match Co.	10 1/2

Oil Refinery For The Philippines

White Plains, Dec. 12. The Standard-Vacuum Oil Company today confirmed a Manila announcement that it had been granted a permit to build a \$33,500,000 refinery on the Batang peninsula which will be the largest private investment project in the Philippines to date.

The permit was granted by the Philippines Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources to a newly formed subsidiary, Standard-Vacuum Refining Corporation (Philippines).

The company's application was based on terms of an agreement with Standard which had been recommended by the National Economic Council and approved by President Carlos Garcia and his Cabinet and the National Monetary Board—France-Press.

DOW CHEMICAL CO. TO PUSH EXPANSION

New York, Dec. 12. Despite business uncertainty, the Dow Chemical Company is to push ahead with its more than \$300 million expansion programme.

Expenditures for such purposes in the 1958 fiscal year ended next May 31 will reach the \$102 million originally planned.

The company added that it planned to spend nearly \$175 million although probably not all in fiscal 1959 as had been hoped.

These planned expenditures would follow nearly \$800 million spent on expansion since 1948.

Among the properties now under construction is a \$50 million basic chemical plant in Louisiana, which is expected to start next spring. Another big project to be completed early next year is a synthetic fibre plant in Virginia—China Mail Special.

London Metal Prices

London, Dec. 12. Prices of metals closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

Tin spot	Buyers	Sellers
3-month	130 1/2	130 1/2
Copper spot	107 1/2	107 1/2
3-month	107 1/2	107 1/2
Lead 1st half Dec.	60 1/2	60 1/2
2nd half Dec.	60 1/2	60 1/2
Zinc 1st half Dec.	61 1/2	61 1/2
2nd half Dec.	61 1/2	61 1/2
Others unchanged—United Press.		

NAMESAKES

Answers:—1. Lavengro, 2. Sonery, 3. Account, 4. Spunards, 5. Gipsy, 6. Wales, 7. Bible, 8. Lore, 9. Travel, 10. Describing, 11. Customs, 12. Writing. George Borrow.

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Government Appointments Gazetted

The following appointments, transfers, promotions and postings in the various Government departments were announced in today's Government Gazette:

Secretariat
Mr. E. B. Teedie, Cadet Officer, Staff Grade, to be Deputy Colonial Secretary as from December 12, vice Mr. C. B. Burgess.

Education
Mr. L. G. Morgan, Deputy Director of Education, to become Acting Director of Education during the absence on leave of Mr. D. J. S. Crozier, Director of Education. Mr. W. J. Dyer, Assistant Director of Education, to become Acting Deputy Director of Education. Mr. Yuen Kwok-hun, Senior Education Officer, to be Acting Assistant Director of Education. Mr. C. M. McEwan, Organizer of Physical Education, to be Acting Senior Education Officer. Mr. J. Kirkwood, Education Officer, to be Acting Organizer of Physical Education.

Police
Inspector Wong Wing-sin to be Assistant Superintendent of Police.

Co-operatives, etc.
Mr. Wu Wai-ky, Co-operative Officer, Class I, to be Acting Assistant Registrar of Co-operatives during the absence of Mr. Large.

Labour and Mines
Mr. K. S. Kinghorn, Cadet Officer Class I, ceased to act as Commissioner of Labour and Mines upon Mr. Sedgwick's return from leave.

Mr. Wong Wai-wo, Assistant Labour Officer, to be Acting Labour Officer.

Judge Appointed
Mr. T. Creighton, formerly First Magistrate, Kowloon, was appointed District Judge during the absence on leave of Judge W. T. Charles. Today's Government Gazette stated that the appointment was to take effect on December 9.

GUILTY BUT INSANE PLEA Boy Thrown From Fourth Floor Verandah

A jury trying a man charged with the murder of his five-year-old son whom he throw over a fourth floor verandah, was asked by Mr Victor Gittins, Defence Counsel, at the Criminal Sessions this morning to return a verdict of guilty but insane.

Mr Gittins made this plea in the course of his closing address on behalf of Fung Yik-yiu, 30, unemployed, who is on trial before Mr Justice A. D. Scholes and a jury of five men and two women.

Fung was accused of throwing Fung Lok-ling from the fourth floor of their tenement house in a resettlement area in Kowloon on September 15. The child died later in hospital.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Detective-Inspector C. F. Harbert.

Mr Gittins is instructed by Mr D. B. Evans, of Johnson, Stokes and Master.

Examined

At the outset today, Dr R. D. Scriven, who had given evidence for the Defence yesterday, was cross-examined.

Dr Scriven said that he had examined the accused some 10 days ago and had seen the records of the Mental Hospital, which showed he had suffered from schizophrenia in 1956, and felt that the tragedy occurred in an outburst of violence which characterised the mental disease from which the accused was suffering.

Asked by Mr Blair-Kerr if he could say that Fung appreciated the nature and quality of the act of throwing the child over the verandah, Dr Scriven said he thought that Fung appreciated that he was throwing his son over, but did not appreciate or care or consider the possible consequences either to the child or to himself.

Witness said that having thrown the child and having looked at him over the verandah, he thought that Fung then

began to understand that he had done something wrong. Dr Scriven said he felt that Fung had been under the delusion that throwing his son over would somehow ease his situation, and that the situation appeared to himself to be so awful that anything else did not enter his mind at the time.

Resisted

Witness agreed that the accused had told him that he had had the feeling of throwing his son over the verandah for four or five days before the incident actually happened. He agreed that Fung must have resisted that feeling during those four or five days.

Crown Counsel was granted leave to call Dr Chung Chien-man, Medical Superintendent of the Government Mental Hospital.

Dr Chung testified that he had kept Fung under observation from November 16 until 22 at the hospital, and found him to be mentally normal. Fung had clear consciousness, he went on. His speech was sensible and coherent and he showed a reasonable level of intelligence.

Dr Chung said Fung was in good contact with his surroundings, and there was no evidence of any delusion or hallucination. Fung showed good insight and judgment.

Asked if he could express any opinion as to Fung's mental state on September 15, the doctor said he could not.

Giving his closing address, Mr Gittins told the jury that it was his case that the accused was suffering from a disease of the mind, so that although he knew what he was doing, he did not

appreciate that what he was doing was wrong. Mr Gittins' contention, that Fung was suffering from a type of schizophrenia at the time of the incident.

Mr Gittins said the burden of proof of insanity was on the Defence, but this burden was not as heavy as that burden which lay on the Prosecution in any criminal case to prove the guilt of the accused.

Referring to Fung's history, Mr Gittins said that since 1953, he had left several jobs for no apparent reason and had had minor outbursts of violence. In 1956, Fung tried to commit suicide by jumping off a ferry launch. He was taken to the Mental Hospital and diagnosed as suffering from schizophrenia. Since leaving the hospital, he had committed other minor acts of violence.

Warning

Mr Gittins maintained that the Defence had discharged their burden of proof of insanity, and that the only proper verdict for the jury to return was guilty but insane.

In his speech, Mr Blair-Kerr said he agreed that the evidence showed that there appeared to have been some insanity in Fung's family on his mother's side.

But he warned the jury that they should not look at the matter from the point of view of insanity, because every man was presumed to be sane unless there was some proof to the contrary.

Quoting from a law authority, Crown Counsel said that, to sustain a defence of insanity, it must be proved that the accused "was labouring under such a defect of reason resulting from a disease of the mind as not to know the nature and quality of the act he was doing, or if he did know, that he did not know what he was doing was wrong."

On Guard

Mr Blair-Kerr urged the jury to be on their guard. He said it was all very well to say, "Oh, the man threw his child over the verandah—he must have been crazy."

He stressed that it was solely for the jury, and not for the medical man, to arrive at a decision after having heard their evidence and having been properly directed by the Judge. Hearing is continuing.

PASSPORT STATEMENT FALSE

For making a false statement in an application for a passport, Chan Man-woon, 23, was fined \$500 by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central Court this morning.

Defendant, residing at No. 101, Des Voeux Road West, second floor, pleaded guilty.

The Prosecution stated that on April 30, defendant attended the Immigration office and completed an application for an Emergency Certificate to enable him to travel to Trinidad.

In the application, the Prosecution continued, defendant stated that he was British subject, born in Trinidad on July 9, 1927. But when being interviewed at Police Headquarters, defendant admitted that he was born in Sun Wei, China.

AUDITORS BOARD

Mr S. J. Cooke has been appointed a Member of the Authorized Auditors Board for a period of two years, according to today's Government Gazette. The appointment, which was made effective December 1, followed the resignation of the Hon the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Name Removed

The Government Gazette notified today that the name of Hop Yick and Company, 44B Hantow Road, ground floor, Kowloon, has been removed from the register of contractors because it has ceased to practise as a registered contractor.

Lady Grantham Hears Song About Herself

"It is beautiful! I have never been so touched in my life before," said Lady Grantham after she had heard the song "How Do You Do Lady Grantham" sung by a group of 25 blind children during her tour to the Hongkong Music Training Centre for the Blind this morning.

Lady Grantham, accompanied by Mr C. J. de Villoughby, Aide-de-Camp to the Governor, was met on her arrival at the Centre by Mrs K. C. Fung and Mrs Robert Li.

She then inspected the classrooms and boys and girls dormitories with the Hon. S. N. Chan and the Hon. C. E. M. Tarry, Hon. President and Vice-President of the Centre, in her company.

This was followed by a short concert in which a song "God Be With You" was dedicated to Lady Grantham before she leaves Hongkong.

INDIVIDUALLY

The singers were accompanied by three violins, a cello and a flute. At the conclusion of the concert Lady Grantham said that she liked the composition and asked how the pupils were taught to play the instruments.

She was told that the pupils were taught individually by touching a system, and they learned to play the instruments only six weeks ago.

Lady Grantham was presented with an ivory flute by Mrs L. B. Yan, and a bouquet by Miss Irene Liao.

TRADE UNIONS

The Government Gazette notified today that one trade union had been dissolved and two others had been registered.

Dissolved was the Hongkong Sharks' Fin and Sea Products Merchants Association, 84 Des Voeux Road West, 4th floor.

Registered was the Union of Chinese Workers in Hongkong Green Island Cement Works, 691 Gillies Avenue, 2nd floor, Kowloon; and Hongkong Lace and Embroidery Workers Union, 11 Western Street, 2nd floor, Salyangpun, Hongkong.

Companies

The Government Gazette notified that the name of Hung Shing and Co. (HK) Ltd will be struck off the register and the company dissolved at the expiration of three months from today unless cause is shown to the contrary.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"The guy at this desk who filled the wastebasket with that beautiful poetry has gone—no more trips to Paradise for us, Myrtle!"

Kowloon Chamber Concert

By R. A. BONES

The Hongkong Philharmonic Society is our only society which presents frequent chamber concerts from the wealth of local talent with which we are blessed.

Chamber music playing both in private and in public is one of the best ways of developing young players and therefore deserves every encouragement. However, it is fraught with at least one danger for unless the greatest care is exercised in the compilation of the programme and its performance, the audience will feel bored and even insulted with a bad performance of a piece of work and not bother to attend future concerts.

The Philharmonic Society have never been guilty of this failing and last night's recital at the Grantham Training College was no exception.

Quintets

The programme began with a quintet for piano and strings Opus 44 by Schumann. This was played by Cheng Chik-pui and J. T. Chan (violins), M. H. Fan (viola) and Frank Huang (cello) and was commented together by Harry Ore (piano).

The performance could have been improved by a more resolute and much less timid tone on the part of the second violin and viola; their attack, however, was good. One crime I cannot help mentioning was foot-tapping on the part of one player who had better remain nameless. In the third movement in particular this was clearly audible in the middle of the auditorium. Schumann certainly did not include percussion in the score of this quintet.

The second quintet was for piano and winds K. 452 by Mozart. This was played by Moya Hea (piano), C. I. Willis (clarinet), Chang Wing-sau (oboe), Fung Hang (bassoon), and James Williams (horn). In the first movement a firecracker obligato was provided by some of the residents of Kowloon. This was a great pity. It unmoved me and must have aggravated the players intensely. It was not until the second movement that the music had reassured itself.

In the last movement there was a wonderful balance, and some delightfully turned phrases. In particular I should like to mention James Williams (horn); although he was playing an instrument of contrasting tone he blended superbly and was never assertive.

Octet

The last item in the programme was a string octet Opus 20 by Mendelssohn. The members of the octet were Arrigo Foa, Moya Hea, Hong Yat Fung and S. M. Bard (violins), E. A. R. Alves and M. H. Fan (violas) and D. C. Honrado and Frank Huang (cellos).

This difficult and most ambitious work was undoubtedly the highlight of the evening and was played with fine polish by all concerned.

19TH FIELD REGIMENT LEAVES

The 19th Field Regiment, under the command of Lieut-Colonel J. H. Munro, will be leaving the Colony for the United Kingdom for the British troopship Nevasa this afternoon, after two years of service in Hongkong.

The Regiment left the Transit Camp in Chatham Road this morning and marched down to the docks where they boarded the Nevasa. Leading the column was the band of the 1st Battalion the Green Howards.

Opposite the NAAFI Club in Chatham Road, Brigadier L. N. Cholmeley CBE, The Commander Royal Artillery, Hongkong, took the salute as the Regiment marched passed.

Authority To Vaccinate

The Government Gazette announced today that the following have been authorised to perform vaccination beginning December 1, 1957:

The Misses Lee Muk-ying, Lee Po-wah, Ann Marie Tang, Yeung Yuet-ang, Cheung Pong-har, Irene Kwok, Liu Wing-sui, Lai Shui-ying, Ng How-chee, Fung Wai-fong, Maria C. Ho, Winnie Chan, Patricia Woo, Angela Wong, Wong Shuk-yung, Della Chan, Hilda Ho, Jane Lam, Yung Yik-yue, Ruth Wong Man-yee, Chan Yik-yung, Ho Chol-kim, Mok Fung-king, Tong Shik-lam, Woo Fung-sai, Tong Fung-oy, Pauline Ma Po-lin, Marjorie Kwan, Katherine Chau Hai-lun, Alice Ho, Dorothy Ho, Wendy Ho, Katie Yung, Helen Lee.

Supreme Court Vacation

The Government Gazette notified today that the sittings of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Christmas vacation, except on public and general holidays when the Court will be entirely closed, and on Saturdays when they will be open from 10 a.m. to noon, subject, however, to the provisions of section 25 of the Supreme Court Ordinance, Chapter 4, so far as it relates to the Criminal Sessions.

The Christmas vacation commences on December 24 and terminates on January 3 1958 (both days inclusive).

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